ONE HUNDRED SIXTIETH
ANNUAL CONCLAVE

1963

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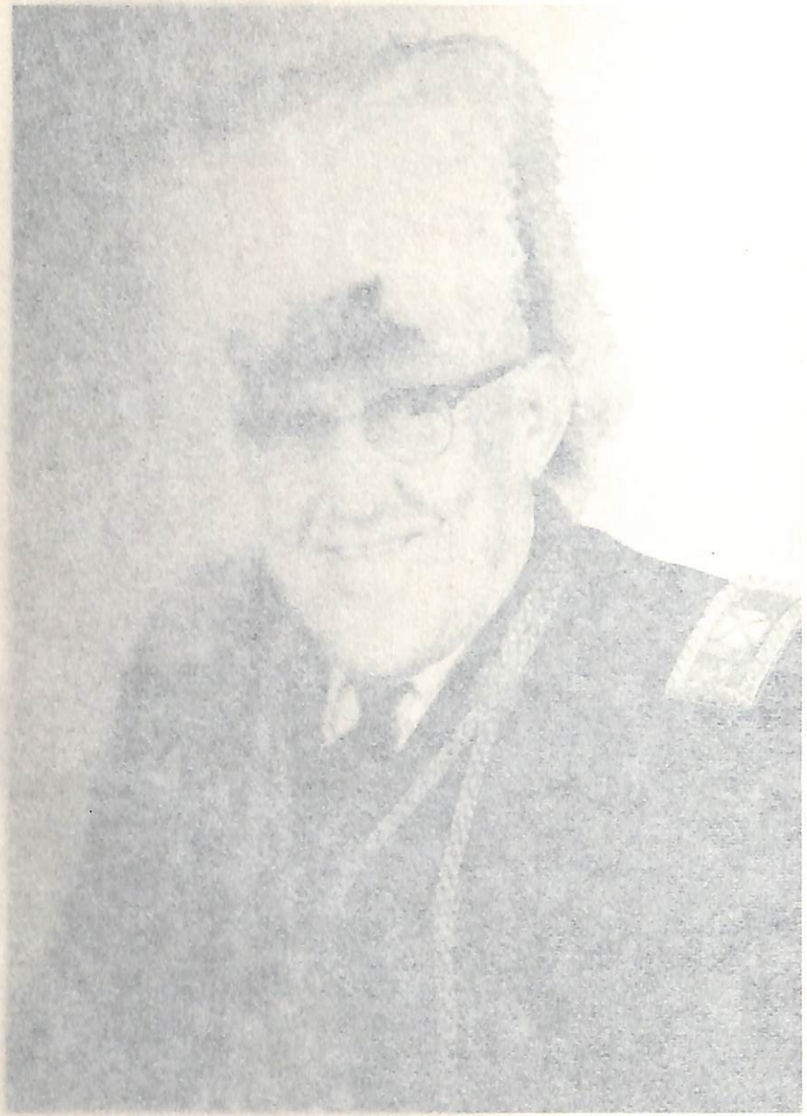

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He was a member of Palestine Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Providence, Rhode Island.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS: He was a Past Chancellor Commander of the Knights of Pythias in Providence, Rhode Island.

As Grand Commander, he was faithful and conscientious in his efforts to promote Templary, and dedicated his services to our Order.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, Inc.

AND

THE APPENDANT ORDERS

OF

MASSACHUSETTS *and* RHODE ISLAND

for the YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 8, 1963

WILLIAM FRANCIS WEST, *Grand Commander*

October 9, 1962 to October 8, 1963

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

Boston, Massachusetts

1963

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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery Knights Templar, Inc. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

AT THE

SPECIAL CONCLAVE

CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND, MAY 25, 1963

A Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island reconvened in the Shrine Mosque of Palestine Temple, No. 1, Rhodes Place, Cranston, Rhode Island. Sir Knight William F. West, Right Eminent Grand Commander presided.

Devine Blessing was asked by Sir Knight and Reverend Leonard S. Redlawn, Associate Grand Prelate.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Credential Committee reported there were 68 Sir Knights present, representing 26 Commanderies—Massachusetts had 42 Sir Knights present and Rhode Island has 26 Sir Knights present.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM F. WEST ..... *R. E. Grand Commander*
SIR KNIGHT LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN ..... *V. E. Deputy Grand Commander*
SIR KNIGHT RUSSELL R. LONG ..... *E. Grand Generalissimo*
SIR KNIGHT G. BURTON LONG ..... *E. Grand Captain General*
SIR KNIGHT GEORGE C. PATTON, JR. ..... *E. Grand Junior Warden*
SIR KNIGHT AND REV. LEONARD S. REDLAWN ..... *E. Associate Grand Prelate*
SIR KNIGHT CLARENCE E. BOOTH ..... *R. E. Grand Treasurer*
SIR KNIGHT GEORGE A. WEEKS ..... *R. E. Grand Recorder*
SIR KNIGHT NORMAN L. STAVELEY ..... *E. Grand Sword Bearer*
SIR KNIGHT SAUNDERS W. SPOONER ..... *E. Grand Warder*
SIR KNIGHT JACK RICHARD BAKER ..... *E. Grand Captain of the Guard*
SIR KNIGHT KARSTEN H. SANDMO ..... *E. Division Commander*
SIR KNIGHT JOSEF RAIS ..... *E. Division Commander*
SIR KNIGHT THOMAS C. BROWN ..... *E. Inspector Instructor*

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS
R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE
R. E. SIR CLARENCE E. BOOTH
R. E. SIR RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS

GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

Sir Knights:

As your Grand Commander, it is a pleasure for me to welcome you to this Special Conclave to commemorate the founding of this Grand Commandery, organized by Thomas Smith Webb on May 6, 1805. I consider it a great honor as a Past Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 13 of Providence, R. I., to be presiding over this Grand Commandery in the City of Providence where Templary was duly organized 158 years ago. During that period, 24 Grand Commanders have come from Rhode Island, and today I am the 7th Grand Commander to come from Calvary Commandery No. 13.

We are assembled to pay tribute to Thomas Smith Webb. Just when and where Webb received his orders is uncertain; for prior to the formation of a commandery of Knights Templar the orders were conferred by a group of Sir Knights, upon whom the orders had been previously conferred, usually following a lodge or chapter meeting. It is believed and assumed that such meetings were without record. There is no question as to the authenticity of the record of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge of Boston (now St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter.) The records show that on August 28, 1769 the orders were conferred upon William Davis, a Past Master of Glittering Star Lodge No. 322 (A traveling Army lodge under Irish charter) and an officer of the 28th Regiment of Foot(now the First Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment) viz., excellent, super excellent, Royal Arch and Knight Templars.

We next find that the orders were conferred upon Paul Revere on December 11, 1769; upon General Joseph Warren on May 14, 1770, and Henry Fowle on January 28, 1795. But the unquestioned record shows that St. John's Commandery, designated encampment, was organized August 23, 1802; that it was a body of Knights Templar organized as such and conferring as it did the Templar Order on two candidates September 29, 1802, William Wilkinson and Nathan Fisher. The record of August 23 meeting in part states: "The Knights of the Most Noble and Magnanimous Orders of the Red Cross and of Malta, Knights Templar and of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, residing in the town of Providence, R. I., having at a previous assembly determined that it is proper and expedient for the preservation and provotion of the honor and dignity of the Order of Knighthood, that an encampment should be formed and established in said town, assembled at Masons' Hall for that purpose at 7:00 P. M. Present were:

Sir Thomas Smith Webb, Sir Jeremiah F. Jenkins, Sir Samuel Snow, Sir Daniel Stillwell, Sir John S. Warner, Sir Nicholas Hoppin.

Thomas Smith Webb was elected its first Commander and served as such to 1813, inclusive. By-laws were adopted at a meeting held September 13, 1802. The first meeting of St. John's Encampment was held in the Market Building, Market Square, Providence, R. I. The last meeting held in that building was October 3, 1853. In 1802 when St. John's Commandery was formed the body was known as St. John's Encampment. On May 6, 1805 when St. John's, Boston, and Newburyport Encampment formed the State governing body to be known as the "Grand Encampment of Rhode Island and the jurisdiction thereunto belonging" this organization was completed by the election of Grand Officers. Thomas Smith Webb was elected Grand Master; Henry Fowle of Boston, Grand Generalissimo, and Jonathan Gage, of Newburyport, Grand Captain General. A few years later the name was changed to "The Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island."

On June 20, 1816 Thomas Smith Webb, Henry Fowle and John Snow as representatives of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island met with representatives of other Grand Encampments for the purpose of forming a national governing body to be known as the General Grand Encampment of the United States. DeWitt Clinton, of New York, was elected Grand Master and Thomas Smith Webb Deputy Grand Master. At the Triennial Conclave of the General Grand Encampment held at Hartford, Conn. in 1856 the word "General" was dropped, leaving the name as it is today, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America; Grand Encampment became Grand Commanderies, and local encampments became commanderies. These proposed changes were accepted by the governing body of the grand jurisdiction in January 3, 1870.

Thomas Smith Webb was born in Boston in 1771. He was made a Mason in Keene, New Hampshire 1792; a Royal Arch Mason in Harmony Chapter, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 1796. He died very suddenly while making a visit in Cleveland, Ohio, July 6, 1819. He was buried in the North Burying Ground, Providence, and a white marble monument was erected. On the west face appears the following:

FOUNDER OF
ST. JOHN'S ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
PROVIDENCE 1802

COMMANDER UNTILL 1814
GRAND MASTER OF THE
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND
FROM 1805 TO 1817
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
OF THE
GENERAL GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
FROM 1816 UNTILL HIS DEATH

Sir Knights, we have a great heritage. "Let us make use of it." Remember, Templary is the New Testament of Masonry. Adopt the Grand Encampment slogan "Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar." The battle cry is Onward Christian Soldiers.

Courteously submitted,

WILLIAM F. WEST,
Grand Commander.

EM. SIR KARSTEN SANDMO: Right Eminent Grand Commander, may I address a motion to the Very Eminent Grand Commander? I move you, Sir, that the Report of the Grand Commander be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

V. E. SIR LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN: You have heard the motion all those in favor signify by the usual sign—all those opposed by the same sign. Motion carried.

IN MEMORIAM

I regret to announce the passing of Sir Knight Herman Charles McStay, Em. Grand Senior Warden, on Wednesday, November 28, 1962, following the inspection of De Molay Commandery No. 7, Boston, Massachusetts. Sir Knight McStay was a Past Commander of Boston Commandery No. 2, Knighted May 7, 1923, Eminent Commander 1949-1951, appointed an officer in Grand Commandery by Rt. Em. Sir Alfred C. Blake on December 6, 1958, died November 28, 1962—and to Sir Knight Thomas Smith Webb, the Founder of Organized Templary in America, who died July 6, 1819.

"May the souls of the faithful departed through the infinite mercy of God, rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them."

Cranston, R. I., May 25, 1963

REPORT OF THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of This Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Dear Sir Knights:

Your Committee reports its activities for 1962-1963 as follows:

Under the date of November 1st, 1962, Official Order No. 1 was sent out by Sir Knight William F. West, Right Eminent Grand Commander, containing the usual appeal for the Christmas Collections of Funds for the needy with the admonition: "this Official Order is to be read at the Head of the Lines at the Conclave immediately following its receipt" and the results reported before January 15th, 1963 on forms furnished by the Grand Commandery.

These forms were mailed early in December. Follow-up letters were mailed after January 15th and again in February to the Eminent Commanders of the Commanderies that had not reported their collections, requesting them to report immediately in order that our report in Grand Commandery Office could be completed—to date all Commanderies have reported.

We all must realize that the Grand Commandery is now Incorporated as a Charitable Fraternal Organization, and we must be able to report how must we spend for charity. Fifty Commanderies contributed a total of $8,821.00.

Templary is a Charitable Organization and if each Sir Knight had contributed $1.00 each, we would have had more than $15,000.00. The total amount collected since the inception of this Fund in 1931 amounting to $214,982.06.

Templary being based upon the Teachings of Christ—"The call is to worship Him on Christmas Day—and every day." Our Loyalty is to God, to Cross and to Country."

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS, Chairman
E. SIR NOYES BRIDGHAN
E. SIR CHESTER L. CRAWFORD
E. SIR KENNETH BENNETT
E. SIR ARVIN C. M. FRENCH
E. SIR KARL O. LEPISTO

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Report of the Christmas Offering and Good Cheer Committee was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings.

Boston, Mass., May 25, 1963

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

Supplimenting the Financial Report of the Educational Foundation Committee for the Division of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as prepared by our Auditor, Sir Knight Gardner B. Wardwell for the year ending December 31, 1962, copies of which have been filed with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment K. T. of U.S.A. (and have been approved) and will be printed in our 1963 Proceedings.

Your, Committee wishes to publicly thank the Eminent Sirs and Sir Knights of our Constituent Commanderies all of whom have been most helpful in checking the ability, need and loyalty of the students applying for loans. Their advise and recommendations have proven most beneficial.

This Fund was adopted in New Orleans, forty years ago authorizing the establishing of the Educational Foundation containing the paragraph, "we feel that the Grand Encampment can build no greater monument nor inaugurate a more worth-while movement than to put into effect a plan which will provide educational advantages for the young of our beloved country, thereby enabling them to become more useful members of society and better citizens of this Republic."

We believe the many fine letters received from our loanees, as they complete payment of their loans, attest that the purpose of this Fund is being achieved. The Auditor's Report is appended.

Courteously yours,

GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Secretary.

COMMITTEE

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R. E. SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE
R. E. SIR RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS
E. SIR ROBERT POWELL
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EXHIBIT A

GRAND COMMANDRY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1962

ASSETS

Cash in Bank and on hand		$ 10,266.65
Cash in Massachusetts Savings Banks:		
Charlestown Savings Bank ...No. 285,533	$ 20,000.00	
Home Savings Bank .....No. 501,659	25,000.00	
South Boston Savings Bank...No. 190,286	3,000.00	48,000.00
Notes Receivable:		
Student Loans—Current	189,882.95	
Doubtful	2,444.58	192,327.53
Inventory—Stationery		216.78
Total Assets		$250,810.96

LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL

Accrued Taxes:		
Withholding Taxes—Federal	$ 110.50	
Withholding Taxes—State	16.52	
F.I.C.A. Taxes	78.85	$ 205.87
Accrued Expenses		300.00
Due Grand Encampment Committee on Educational Foundation		425.34
Reserve for Unpaid Interest		716.25
Principal Account (Exhibit C)		249,163.50
Total Liabilities and Principal		$250,810.96

EXHIBIT B

INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1962

Income:		
Service Charges Received	$ 6,579.33	
Interest on Savings Accounts	1,927.50	
Miscellaneous	2.00	
Total Income		$ 8,508.83
Expenses:		
Salaries	4,746.00	
Rent	800.00	
Audit	300.00	
Trustees' Expenses	64.50	
Telephone and Office Supplies	135.68	
General Expense	32.60	

Retail Credit Reports	119.30	
Collection Fees	68.88	
Bonding	190.34	
Postage	7.00	
F.I.C.A. Taxes	148.08	
Account Charged off	85.05	
Total Expenses		$ 6,697.43
		1,811.40
Grand Encampment Expense		425.34
Excess of Income for the year (Exhibit C)		$ 1,386.06

EXHIBIT C

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1962

Balance, January 1, 1962		$246,999.55
Add:		
Excess of Income for the year ended December 31, 1962 (Exhibit B)	$ 1,386.06	
Donations	775.00	
Adjustment of Service Charges—Net	2.89	2,163.95
Balance, December 31, 1962		$249,163.50

SUMMARY OF STUDENT LOANS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1962

Balance, January 1, 1962			$197,005.44
Add:			
Loans made during the year		$ 33,950.00	
Service Charges for 1962		6,579.33	
Net adjustment—service accounts		2.89	40,532.22
			$237,537.66
Deduct:			
Cash Received		45,829.89	
Less Donations Credited	$ 775.00		
Refund of overpayments	46.37	821.37	45,008.52
Net adjustments			98.14
Accounts Charged off			103.47
			45,210.13
Balance, December 31, 1962			$192,327.53
Consisting of:			
Balance of Loans—Principal		$191,611.28	
Unpaid Service Charges		716.25	
			$192,327.53

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND DETAILED INFORMATION

DIVISION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

January 1, 1962 through December 31, 1962. To be Filed before February 1, 1963

Required Capital (9 x 1932 membership @ $1.00 each) $218,889.00. Earned Income to December 31, 1962 $3,020.40.
Total Assessments collected to December 31, 1962.....$243,764.13. Donations to December 31, 1962 .....$2,678.97.

OPERATIONS

1. Cash on Hand or in Bank (line 14 of December 31, 1961, statement)			$ 3,512.86
RECEIPTS			
2. Principal Repayment on Student Loans		$ 38,475.56	
3. Interest received on Student Loans		$ 6,579.33	
4. Income on Securities and Savings Accounts:			
(a) Received		1,927.50	
(b) Deferred		8,506.83	
5. Other Income:			
(a) Securities sold, exchanged or matured			.....
(b) Recovery on Loans Charged-off (Report only Net Amount Received by Division from Grand Encampment)			.....
(c) Donations			775.00
(d) Miscellaneous (specify) Gd. Cdy. Loan $3,000.00; Postage $56.00; Excess withholding over payment $6.40			3,062.40
6. Total Receipts			50,819.79
7. Total Cash available (line 1 plus line 6)			54,332.65
DISBURSEMENTS			
8. Loans to Students (a) (Male 66) (Amount $28,450.00)			$ 28,450.00
(b) (Female 12) (Amount $ 5,500.00)			5,500.00
9. Scholarships (authorized by G. E. Committee from Current Receipts)			.....
10. Transferred to Knights Templar Scholarship Account			.....
11. Operating Costs (line 52) (same as Expenses of Administration)			6,668.38

12.	Other Disbursements:			
	(a) Securities purchased (Describe fully on Pages 5 and 6)		.....	
	(b) Deferred Interest on Investments (line 4 (b))		.....	
	(c) Transferred to and Interest left in Savings Accounts		.....	
	(d) 5% Paid G. E. Committee 1961 Statement		401.25	
	(e) Miscellaneous (specify) Repayment Grand Cdry. Loan	$ 3,000.00		
	Refund overpayment Loans	46.37		
13.	Total Disbursements		3,046.37	$ 44,066.00
	ASSETS			
14.	Cash on Hand or in Bank, December 31, 1962 (line 7 minus 13)		$ 10,266.65	
15.	Funds Invested: Securities and Savings Accounts		48,000.00	
16.	Student Loans Outstanding (Principal only)		191,611.28	
17.	Bank Account for K. T. Scholarship Account (line 94)		.....	
18.	Due from Grand Commandery or Assessments		.....	
19.	Other Assets:			
	(a) Accrued Interest on Invested Funds (if not added to line 15)		.....	
	(b) Furniture and Fixtures		.....	
	(c) Miscellaneous (specify) Stationery & Supplies		216.78	
20.	Total Assets			$250,094.71
	LIABILITIES			
21.	Due the Committee on the Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment for EXPENSE: 5% of lines 3 and 4. REMIT AMOUNT SHOWN, WITH THIS STATEMENT, to the Committee		$ 425.34	
22.	Other Liabilities (see page 7)		205.87	
23.	Total Liabilities (line 21 plus line 22)			$ 631.21
	NET WORTH			
24.	Net Worth (line 20 minus line 23)			$249,463.50

NOTE: Administration expenses are payable from the earnings of the current year. The 5% conserved (line 55) and any unexpended income (line 57) are the principal sources of gain (line 83). Gains is important to offset inevitable losses. Please watch evpenses closely but be generous with costs of helpful advice and counsel for recovery of doubtful loans.

OPERATING COSTS

51. Maximum available for Administration Expenses 1961 (90% of lines 3

	and 4, page 1, see Section 17. B. Regulations and Standard Practice September 20, 1952)			$ 7,656.15
52.	Expenses of Administration (per detail, Page 3) (and same as Line 11)			6,668.38
53.	Balance			987.77
	CAPITAL GAIN OR LOSS			
	ADDITIONS	*Assessments*	*Donations*	*Earned Income*
54.	Net Worth, December 31, 1961 (total equals line 24 of 1961 statement)	$243,764.13	$ 1,903.97	$ 1,631.45
55.	Conserved Earnings 1962 (5% of lines 3 and 4)			425.34
56.	Remaining 5% Earnings, 1962 Expense to G. E. Committee			425.34
57.	Unexpended Income (line 53 if black)			987.77
58.	Recovery on Loans charged-off (Net amount received) Same as Line 5, (b)			.....
59.	Adjustments to increase Student Loan Account (Principal only)			19.92
60.	Profit on Sale of Securities			.....
61.	Additional Assessments	.....		
62.	Donations		775.00	
63.	Miscellaneous (specify) Postage $56.00, 3% collection; Fee Mass. W. H. Tax $2.00	.....	.....	58.00
64.	Gross Capital	$.....	$ 2,678.97	$ 3,547.82
	DEDUCTIONS			
65.	Uncollectible Loans charged-off (Principal only) approved by G. E. Committee (same as page 6, line 95)			$ 85.05
66.	Loss by Compromise Adjustment (same as page 7, line 96)			.....
67.	Loss on Sale of Securities			.....
68.	Depreciation on Furniture & Fixtures			.....
69.	Excess Operating Cost (line 53 if red)			.....
70.	Adjustments to decrease Student Loan Account (Principal only)			17.03
71.	Scholarships (page 1, line 9) (deductible only from items 3 and 4, less item 52. See list on page 3)			.....
72.	Scholarships from Scholarship Account (list on page 3)			.....
73.	The Committee on Educational Foundation 5% Earnings 1962			425.34
74.	Miscellaneous (specify)	.....	.....	.....
75.	Total Deductions	$.....	$.....	527.42
76.	Capital Account, December 31, 1962 (line 64 minus line 75)	$243,764.13	$ 2,678.97	$ 3,020.40
77.	Capital Account, December 31, 1961 (line 54)	243,764.13	1,903.97	1,631.45
78.	Increase or Decrease Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1962 (line 76 minus line 77)	.....	775.00	1,388.95

ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL GAIN

79. Earnings for 1962 (lines 3 and 4, page 1)			$ 8,506.83
80. Other Income (lines 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63)	.....	775.00	77.92
Total	$.....	$ 775.00	$ 8,584.75
81. Operating Costs (Same as Line 11, Line 52 and Expenses of Administration)			$ 6,668.38
82. Other Expenses (lines 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74)	$.....	$.....	$ 527.42
Total	$.....	$.....	$ 7,195.80
83. Net Increase or Decrease (same as line 78)	$.....	$.....	$ 1,388.95

EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION (Same as Line 11 and Line 52)

Salaries: (Give Gross Totals including Withholding for Income Taxes)	
Executive Officer	$2,002.00
Treasurer	300.00
Secretary	.....
Stenographer or Clerical	2,444.00
Attorney or Collection Fees	68.88
Rent	800.00
Safe Deposit Box	.....
P. O. Box Rent	.....
Fidelity Bonds	190.34
F.I.C.A. Taxes (Employer only)	148.08
Audit	300.00
Committee Meetings	64.50
Traveling Expense Contacting Loanees and Mileage	.....
Postage and Express	63.00
Telephone and Telegraph	135.68
Stationery, Supplies, Etc.	2.00
Furniture, Equipment and Repairs	.....
Insurance	.....
Premiums on Investments	.....
Interest	.....
Bank Charges and Credit Reports	119.30
Publicity	.....
Miscellaneous (Itemize)	30.60
(Do not include item of 5% paid to Grand Encampment Committee, shown on Statement, Page 1, Line 21)	
Water 5.60; Towels, 4.00; Mass. Exemp. Org. Tax	21.00
TOTAL EXPENSE (Same as line 11, page 1 and line 52, page 2)	$6,668.38

INVESTED FUNDS (Describe fully)

Savings Accounts: Bank	*Location*	*Interest Rate*	*Amount*
Charlestown Savings Bank	Boston, Mass.	4%	$20,000.00
Home Savings Bank	Boston, Mass.	4%	25,000.00
South Boston Savings Bank	South Boston, Mass.	4¼%	3,000.00
		Total	$48,000.00

FIDELITY BONDS

(As provided by Section 10 of the Regulations & Standard Practice)

Officer Bonded	*Amount of Bond*	*Amount of Premium*	*Paid by Grand Commandery or Foundation*	*Expiration Date*
Executive Secretary	$ 2,500.00	$190.34	Foundation	11-6-64
Asst. to Executive Secretary	2,500.00			
Treasurer	12,500.00			

3 year bond paid on an annual basis

AUDIT

Is your Annual Audit made by (a) Certified Public Accountants? ....Yes.... or (by by the Finance Committee of the Grand Commandery?.....

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct Financial Statement of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Division of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as of December 31, 1962.

GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Secretary
CLARENCE E. BOOTH,
Treasurer

January 28, 1963

Educational Committee
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
and the Appandant Orders of
Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions, I have examined the books and records of the Educational Foundation for the year ended December 31, 1962 and present the result of my examination in the following Exhibits:

Exhibit A—Balance Sheet, December 31, 1962.
Exhibit B—Income and Expense Account for the year ended December 31, 1962.
Exhibit C—Principal Account for the year ended December 31, 1962.
Exhibit D—Summary of Student Loans for the year ended December 31, 1962.

COMMENTS

CASH:
Cash in the checking account was reconciled with bank statement of December 31, 1962. Savings bank books were examined. Deposits, warrants and cancelled checks were verified.

NOTES RECEIVABLE: Student Loans were analyzed as of December 31, 1962.

PRINCIPAL—The changes in this account are set forth in Exhibit C.

GENERAL—The liability for Federal and State withholding taxes, together with that for social security taxes, have been provided for Accounting Expense and the liability to the Grand Encampment has been accrued as at the end of the year.

I HEREBY CERTIFY—That, in my opinion, the attached Exhibits present fairly the financial condition of the Educational Foundation Division as at December 31, 1962 and the result of operations for the year then ended.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER B. WARDWELL,
Certified Public Account

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Report of the Educational Foundation Committee and the Report of the Auditor were accepted and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings.

May 20, 1963

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Since October 1, 1962, the following amendments have been approved by the Jurisprudence Committee:

(1) December 12, 1962, Amendment to the By-Laws of Quincy Commandery, No. 47, K. T.
(2) January 14, 1963, Amendment to the By-Laws of Bethany Commandery, No. 17, K. T.
(3) May 10, 1963, Amendments to the By-Laws of Worcester County Commandery No. 5, K. T.

Prior to the approval of the by-law amendments to Quincy Commandery No. 47 K. T. and Worcester County Commandery No. 5 K. T., I had correspondence with both groups and with the Grand Recorder prior to approving them.

Certain other matters were taken up with the Committee which are not a proper part of this report due to the nature of the call of the meeting which said that no controversial matters shall be taken up.

Courteously yours,

GEORGE B. ROWELL, Chairman
Jurisprudence Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Report of Jurisprudence Committee was accepted and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

QUINCY COMMANDERY NO. 47, K. T.

Amendment to By-Laws

At the Stated Conclave of Quincy Commandery, No. 47, K. T., held on November 26, 1962, the following amendment was adopted by unanimous vote:

ARTICLE VIII, Section 2, Paragraph 2 shall read as follows:

"The principal of this Fund shall forever remain intact. It shall be invested or reinvested by the Board of Trustees in such a manner as to produce a safe, reasonable, and proper income."

Approved by the Jurisprudence Committee December 12, 1962.

BETHANY COMMANDERY NO. 17, K. T.

Amendment to By-Laws

At the Stated Conclave of Bethany Commandery, No. 17, K. T., held at Masonic Temple, 43 Jackson Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts, on December 27, 1962, the following amendment was unanimously approved:

ARTICLE II, Section 1, shall read as follows:

"The Stated Conclave of this Commandery shall be held in the Masonic Temple, Lawrence, Mass., on the last Thursday of September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May and June, except it be a Holiday when the Stated Conclave shall be held on the Thursday preceding the last Thursday. The Stated Conclave in May shall be the Annual Conclave. Special Conclaves may be called by the Commander."

Approved by the Jurisprudence Committee January 14, 1963.

WORCESTER COUNTY COMMANDERY NO. 5, K. T.

Amendment to By-Laws

ARTICLE III, Section 5, shall now read as follows:

There shall be a Board of Trustees consisting of three members, one of whom shall be elected annually for a term of three years, and who shall hold no other office in the Commandery. They shall hold and administer the Life Membership Fund, the Permanent Fund, the George A. Park Fund and such other Funds as shall be placed in their charge by these By-Laws or by vote of the Commandery, and at each Annual Conclave shall submit to the Commandery a correct statement of the funds in detail. The member serving the last year of his term shall be Chairman.

To renumber Sections 4 and 5 of Article VI as Sections 6 and 7, respectively, and insert the following as Sections 4 and 5:

ARTICLE VI, Section 4, shall now read as follows:

The principal of the George A. Park Fund, established June 6, 1929, being the sum of $2,000.00, shall remain intact, but the income shall be paid into the Treasury prior to each Annual Conclave to be used for the general purposes of the organization.

ARTICLE VI, Section 5, shall now read as follows:

A Welfare Fund, the accounts for which shall be kept by the Treasurer, shall be established for use under Section 7 of this Article. This Fund shall be maintained and administered by the Standing Committee from sums initially established and supplemented from time to time by majority vote of the members presented at a Stated Conclave.

ARTICLE VI, Section 3, shall now read as follows:

The Commandery Fund shall be a contingency fund, the accounts for which shall be kept by the Treasurer. Thirty per cent of the fee received from each successful applicant for the Orders, together with all affiliation fees, shall be added to the Commandery Fund already established, which shall be invested by and in the name of the Standing Committee of Worcester County Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templars. The income of this Fund shall be paid into the Treasury prior to each Annual Conclave. Any part of the principal may be expended in extraordinary emergency by vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at any Stated Conclave, provided that the proposition for such expenditure, approved by the Standing Committee, shall have been submitted in writing and read at the next preceding regular Conclave, and borne upon the notice of the Conclave at which action is to be taken.

To add as ARTICLE III, Section 8, the following:

There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of the Commander, the Generalissimo and three members at large. Its duties shall be to prepare an annual budget for persentation at the Annual Conclave and

to assist in other financial affairs of the Commandery. One member at large shall be elected each year by written ballot at the Annual Conclave for a term of three years. Initially, three members shall be elected as provided above for respective terms of one, two and three years. The member at large serving the last year of his term shall be Chairman of the Committee.

Approved by the Jurisprudence Committee on May 10, 1963.

BEAUSEANT COMMANDERY NO. 41, K. T.

Amendment to By-Laws

ARTICLE II, Section 1, shall now read as follows:

The Commandery shall hold a Stated Conclave in Masonic Hall, Malden, Mass. on the fourth Monday of each month at the hour set by the Commander, provided that when the fourth Monday is a Holiday the Commander may call the Stated Conclave for that month upon some date within one week of said fourth Monday. The Commander may call Special Conclaves and also may omit the Stated Conclaves of July and August, the notice or summons for all Special Conclaves shall specify the business to be transacted, and none other shall be considered at such Conclave.

The Annual Conclave shall be held on the fourth Monday in June.

ARTICLE III, Section 1, shall now read as follows:

The Commander shall cause the By-Laws and regulations of the Commandery to be duly enforced, together with the constitutional requirements to which he is bound. He shall see that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Grand Recorder and that the annual dues are promptly paid. It shall be the duty of the Commander, together with the Generalissimo and Captain-General, to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Commandery. He shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Commandery.

ARTICLE III, Section 3, shall now read as follows:

The Recorder shall issue notices of stated and special Conclaves and in the notices of special Conclaves he shall, under the direction of the Commander, state the particular business to be transacted. He shall issue summons when directed by the Commander or the Commandery; shall keep correct minutes of all transactions, shall collect fees from Candidates for the Orders and the dues and assessments of the members and deposit same immediately, and at least once each month direct into the Funds of the Commandery held by the Treasurer; and at the Annual Conclave he shall render to the Commandery a full account of all monies received by him during the year. He shall furnish also at this time a list of all members who are in arrears for dues. He shall serve the Chairman of each Committee with a copy of the vote by which it was appointed, and if desired he shall attend its sessions in the capacity of secretary. He shall have the custody of the seal of the Commandery and shall affix it to all papers requiring same. He shall report annually to the Grand Recorder the roll of officers, all Candidates for the Orders accepted or rejected, and such other matters as may conduce to the general good of the Order in such form as may be prescribed by the Grand Commandery and he shall accompany such report with the amount of dues and fees due to the Grand Commandery. He shall promptly transmit to the Grand

Commandery and Grand Recorder copies of all the By-Laws and regulations adopted by the Commandery. He shall submit his books to examination whenever required to do so by the Commander or by the Grand Commandery.

ARTICLE V, Section 3, shall now read as follows:

Every candidate shall deposit a minimum sum of 20% of the fees of this Order, which shall be $50.00. That the balance of the $50.00 fee shall be paid before the candidate receives the Orders. This fee may be changed by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, but in no case be less than that prescribed by the Grand Commandery. Notice of a proposed change in the membership fee must be inserted in the notice at least one month prior to the voting thereon.

ARTICLE V, Section 4, shall now read as follows:

Any Knight Templar who has not received the Orders in this Commandery, and who desires membership therein, shall present his application in writing bearing his signature and stating the name of the Commandery in which he received the Orders, together with a demit, its equivalent (or a certificate of good standing under seal from the Recorder of the Commandery of which he is a member, showing that his dues have been paid).

Such Petition shall take the same course as that prescribed in the first section of this Article respecting the petitions for the Orders and unanimous ballot shall be necessary for acceptance. If such candidate be accepted he shall not be allowed to complete his membership until his demits or its equivalent is received and has paid the recorder the sum of ten dollars.

ARTICLE VII, Section 1, shall now read as follows:

Any member of this Commandery whose dues are paid in full, may upon payment of 30 times the annual dues be enrolled a Life Member and thereafter be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

Approved by the Jurisprudence Committee June 18, 1963.

May 25, 1963

REPORT OF THE NEW MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of This Grand Commandery:

It is no secret that the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is heading rapidly for its greatest loss in the past twenty years, and unless we show a tremendous surge in candidates in June, our loss will approximate 300. For May we have had only 417 applications, including reinstatements, and this is more than 200 behind the May figure of last year, when we ended up with a loss of 84 for the year, and more than 250 behind the past ten years average of 697 through May of each year.

I feel that this probable large loss is due partly to the change of the times and the unfortunate decline in applications recently in all fraternal orders, including ours. The

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts reported its first loss in membership last year. The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts is having a bad year, with a loss of around 300 likely, and the Scottish Rite also has reported a small loss.

This decline is also partly due to the failure of some Commanders and their officers to ask eligible Blue Lodge and Chapter Members to join the Chivalric Rite. Last year, I distributed prospect lists to every Commandery in Massachusetts, and few of them were put to much use. This year, I offered to send up-to-date lists to Commanders on requests, and just three Commanders have asked for them. We have set up Membership Districts with qualified and energetic Membership men in each, but they have made little headway. The emphasis has continued to be on Inspections, on which Commanderies have only been marked, and I continue to recommend that part of a Commandery's mark should be based on membership activity. Only a handful of Commanderies have made their Membership Quotas, which I think have been reasonable set.

But there is an additional factor, in my opinion, for the decline of applications in this Grand Commandery. Last November an amendment to our Grand Constitution went into effect making it mandatory for a Chapter member to take the Degrees in the Council before he could take the Orders in the Commandery.

Through November of this Templar year, we had 228 petitions, which was more than we had through November of the three preceding years, but since November we have had less than 40% of our usual number of petitions. We had 65 more than last year in November, and now we have 233 less, a decline of 300 in six months.

This change was made primarily to benefit the Grand Council, of which I am Junior Past Grand Master, without hurting the Grand Chapter or the Grand Commandery. In its letter of October 3, 1961, urging adoption of the amendment, the York Rite Committee of Massachusetts said QUOTE—In view of our membership decline we need to strengthen and consolidate the York Rite. The membership program of the Grand Commandery will be stepped up with the addition of enthusiastic Council Workers joining hands to consolidate and strengthen the entire York Rite. END QUOTE.

You have heard the results in the Grand Commandery. As I said, the Grand Chapter is faced with its highest loss in more than ten years, and the new requirement has been of only slight benefit to the Council. Through May, there were 378 Council applications, as compared to a ten years average through May of 353.

What has been the effect nationally? I regret that I have not yet received the 1962 figures from that demon statistician, J. Albin Anderson of New York but I expect to have them in time for our Annual Conclave in October.

What have the other York Rite Bodies done for membership? I must assume part of the blame, as I am Membership Chairman for the Grand Chapters and Councils of Massachusetts. I have worked hard to get their membership drives going, and have received help from the Grand High Priest Stanley F. Maxwell, who has cooperated with me at all times. I only wish that I could have had as much help from all York Rite bodies as I have had from your outstanding Grand Recorder, George A. Weeks, but I have not.

What about the Grand Council? In my report as Chairman of Promotional Activities for the Grand Council in Boston last December, I said in my report, and I quote, "We are now starting on our first year as a real York Rite, inasmuch as the Cryptic Orders are now required as a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood in this State. I am confident that the membership success enjoyed by our Grand Council can now be shared with the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery if we work more closely together. Our constituent Councils should work with their Chapters and Commanderies to sell the WHOLE York Rite to Blue Lodge prospects, and in each area should work out a program with the other bodies to confer the York Rite Degrees and Orders in an orderly and reasonably rapid sequence." End of Quote.

What happened? This report was not even printed in the Journal of Proceedings and I have been given to believe that the omission for the first time in nine years was intentional.

You will note that this report asked for an orderly and reasonably rapid sequence of degrees. What have the Councils done to put their candidates through reasonably fast so that they could be eligible for the Commandery?

Six of the 32 Councils have not yet put through a single candidate through their three Degrees. The largest Council has not yet put on the Super Excellent Degree in its own Council, and another Council with 23 candidates did not confer the final degree until this month. Altogether, only slightly over 100 of the 258 candidates through March had received the three Councils Degrees, and less than 200 of the 326 elected through April had finished in the Council. The remaining candidates will take their Super Excellent in May or at one of the three summer Assemblies in July and August which will be too late for them to receive their Orders in this Commandery year.

The York Rite Committee should be spearheading the drive for candidates, but only one meeting has been held so far this year, and I have not heard another was planned. The Committee did get out a fine pamphlet "Light of the York Rite" for two issues, due chiefly to the drive of Grand High Priest Maxwell, but I hear that there may not be any more. Incidentally, your Membership Chairman, who wished to be present was not invited to the meeting.

From the foregoing, it is apparent that the present requirement regarding the Council is not working. There are three courses open to the Grand Commandery—do nothing and continue to lose heavily—amend the statute, or repeal it outright. We cannot act today, but the amendments can be submitted for action in October. Accordingly, I am submitting two amendments today. One is outright repeal—the other provides that a candidate who has taken his Chapter Degrees may then take his Orders in the Commandery, provided that he has petitioned for the Degrees in a constituent Council. Only one amendment can be adopted in October, but you will have the summer to think them over.

Courteously submitted,

JAMES C. BAYLEY, Chairman
Membership Committee.

A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the Report of the Committee on New Membership and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings in its entirety.

V. E. SIR LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN: I move, you sir, that copies of the Report of the Committee on New Membership be printed and sent to each Commandery, prior to the Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery, in order that each member of the Grand Commandery may be familiar with the contents of this Report. Motion seconded by Em. Sir Karsten H. Sandmo.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, you have heard the motion, all in favor will signify by raising the sword arm—those opposed the bridle arm. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution passed by unanimous vote at the Stated Conclave of DeMolay Commandery, copy to be mailed to the Grand Commander.

Resolved:

That the Recorder notify the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island under the seal of DeMolay Commandery, its disappointment

with the results of the Amendment to article XIX Section 1 and 6 to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery as adopted at the Annual Conclave held on October 10, 1961 at Boston, Massachusetts.

That the financial structure of DeMolay Commandery is built upon a minimum of thirty-five petitions in order that we may properly present the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta to our Candidates, and any number of petitions less than thirty-five will seriously impede the work of DeMolay Commandery.

That the Officers of Grand Commandery determine the number of petitions received to date as compared with a corresponding period in other years and if found grossly out of line, to move for the repeal of the above amendment.

Boston, Mass.
February 27, 1963

Attest
CHESTER G. PARSONS,
Recorder.

EM. SIR JAMES C. BAYLEY: In compliance with the Resolution submitted by De Molay Commandery No. 7, K. T., I submit the proposed Amendments to the Grand Commandery Constitution:

1. OUTRIGHT REPEAL:

Amend Article XIX, Section 1—by repealing the amendment adopted at the 158th Annual Conclave in Boston on October 10, 1961 to that Section, so that Article XIX, Section 1, shall read:

"The Orders of Knighthood shall not be conferred upon anyone who has not received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason; nor upon anyone who is not an affiliated Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason, nor upon anyone who has not resided at least six months" (continue to end of section without change).

Amend Article XIX, Section 6, of the Constitution by eliminating the sentence adopted at the 158th Annual Conclave on October 10, 1961 which was as follows:

"However, for candidates who petition for the Orders on or before November 1, 1960, membership in good standing in Lodge and Chapter only is necessary to acquire or retain membership in a Commandery."

2. RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT:

Amend Article XIX, Section 1—as amended at the 158th Annual Conclave in Boston on October 10, 1961 by amending to substitute the following:

"and applied for the degrees of Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master" and "filed a petition to be a," so that Section 1, shall read as follows:

"The Orders of Knighthood shall not be conferred upon anyone who has not received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft,

Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason, and applied for the Degrees of Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master; nor upon anyone who is not an affiliated Master Mason, and Royal Arch Mason and filed a petition to be a Super Excellent Master, nor upon anyone who has resided at least six months (continue to end of scetion without change)

Amend Article XIX, Section 6 of the Constitution by eliminating the sentence adopted at the 158th Annual Conclave on October 10, 1962, which was as follows:

"However, for candidates who petition for the Orders on or before November 1, 1962 membership in good standing in Lodge and Chapter only is necessary to acquire or retain membership in a Commandery."

Courteously submitted,

JAMES C. BAYLEY, Chairman
Membership Committee.

R. E. GRAND COMMANDER: This purposed Amendment will take its regular course.

The following motion was regularly made and seconded that the Grand Recorder send a letter to the Officers and Members of Palestine Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. thanking them for the use of their Mosque for this Special Conclave and services of their dining room for the luncheon which will follow this Special Conclave. Motion carried unanimously.

GRAND COMMANDER: Grand Recorder is there anything further to come before this Special Conclave?

GRAND RECORDER: Right Eminent Sir, there is nothing on my desk.

GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, attention! Reverend and Eminent Sir Leonard S. Redlawn, will you lead our devotion?

GRAND COMMANDER: I now declare the SPECIAL CONCLAVE of this Grand Commandery K. T. adjourned at 12:35 P. M. Sir Knights you are dismissed.

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder.

NOTE: A meeting of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Knights Templars Commanders held a meeting following this Special Conclave, after the luncheon has been served.

ALL MASONIC NITE, BOSTON GARDEN

All Masonic Nite, sponsored by Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.-M.S., was held in Boston Garden on the evening of June 8,

1963. This has been an Annual event for the 8th Consecutive year. Under the leadership of Rt. Eminent Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., we witnessed a brilliant display of pageantry in the form of brightly-colored uniformed Shriners and uniformed Sir Knights from thirty-five Commanderies. Twenty Grand Commandery Officers were seated on the stage, one hundred and fourteen Officers and ladies were seated in the boxes. Promptly at 7:00 P. M., the Potentate, his Divan and all uniformed units of Aleppo Temple entered. Followed by the Imperial Potentate, the State Officers of DeMolay with one thousand two hundred and eighteen uniformed members from fifty-eight DeMolay Chapters, Officers of the Scottish Rite, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Grand Royal and Select Masters, the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Suite of Grand Officers.

Your Grand Commander, riding in an automobile, was received through the Line of Grand Officers under an Arch of Steel with eight hundred uniformed Sir Knights standing at present swords. This in itself created quite a spectacle. Surely Templary was on the march! The Grand Master and his Grand Officers were the last to be received. The Garden was filled to capacity and the evening ended with an entertainment by well known personalities.

July 24, 1963

IN MEMORIUM

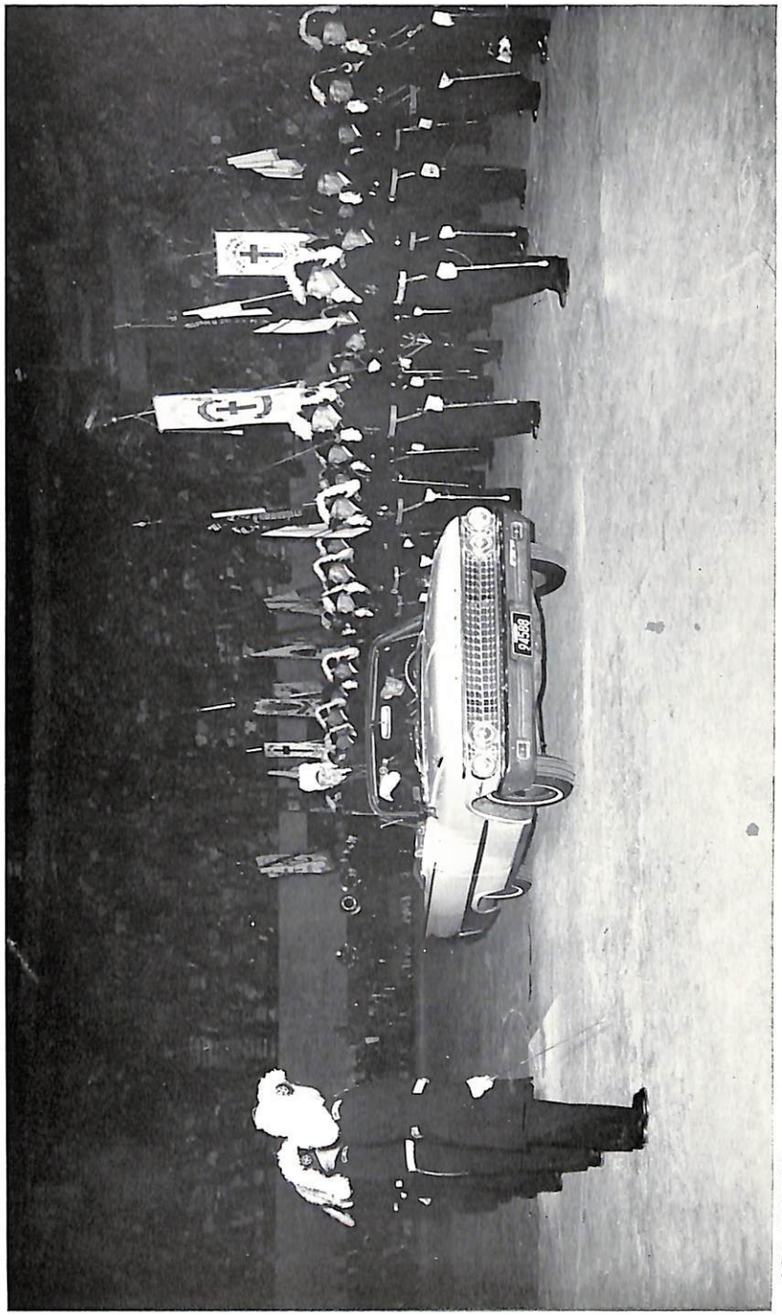
Sir Knight William F. West, Right Eminent Grand Commander passed away at the Roger William Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, Monday, July 15th, 1963.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 18, 1963 at 1:00 P. M. at the Church of the Transfiguration (Episcopal), Providence, Rhode Island.

Following the interment the Grand Commandery Officers assembled and in conformity with Section 49 of the Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies and Forms of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Sir Knight Louis A. Beaudoin succeeded to the office of Grand Commander and was duly installed by Right Eminent Sir Kenneth H. Earle, Past Grand Comander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. There were present 17 Grand Commandery Officers.

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder.



SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM F. WEST, RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER, passing through the lines in Boston Garden on the All Masonic Night, June 8, 1963

FORMING THE LINES FOR ALL MASONIC NIGHT AT BOSTON GARDENS, JUNE 8, 1963

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLARS, INC.
OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

AT THE

160TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, OCTOBER 8, 1963

The One Hundred Sixtieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island convened in full form at 9:15 A. M., Tuesday, October 8, 1963, in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Massachusetts. Sir Knight Louis A. Beaudoin, Acting Grand Commander, presiding. Divine Blessing was invoked by Reverend and Em. Sir Frank B. Crandall, Grand Prelate.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Credential Committee reported that there were 155 Sir Knights present, representing 44 Commanderies.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS PRESENT

Acting Grand Commander.....R. E. SIR LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN
Grand Generalissimo .....E. SIR RUSSELL R. LONG
Grand Captain General.....E. SIR G. BURTON LONG
Grand Junior Warden.....E. SIR GEORGE C. PATTON, JR.
Grand Prelate.....REV. AND E. SIR FRANK B. CRANDALL
Associate Grand Prelates.....REV. AND E. SIR W. IRVING MONROE, JR.
.....REV. AND E. SIR LEONARD S. REDLAWN
.....E. SIR WILLIAM T. O'NEILL
.....E. SIR ARTHUR J. PHILLIPS
Grand Treasurer.....R. E. SIR CLARENCE E. BOOTH
Grand Recorder.....R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Standard Bearer.....E. SIR GORDON C. PLAYER
Grand Sword Bearer.....E. SIR NORMAN L. STAVELEY
Grand Warder.....E. SIR SAUNDERS W. SPOONER
Grand Captain of the Guard.....E. SIR JACK R. BAKER
Grand Sentinel.....E. SIR CLARENCE R. DAVIS
Division Commander 6th Division.....E. SIR KARSTEN H. SANDMO
Inspector Instructor.....E. SIR THOMAS C. BROWN

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

R. E. SIR FRANK H. WILSON
R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS
R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
R. E. SIR CHARLES F. FAIRBANKS, 2ND
R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE
R. E. SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
R. E. SIR THOMAS A. BOOTH
R. E. SIR DWIGHT C. PAGE
R. E. SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE
R. E. SIR ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY
R. E. SIR CLARENCE E. BOOTH
R. E. SIR RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Now if the Officers, who have been chosen to present the Grand Officers will

retire at this time, I will immediately receive them. Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard, you will form your Escort to retire and escort our Distinguished Guests.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

SIR KT. WARREN H. DECK, Grand Generalissimo and personal representative of SIR KT. FREDERICK H. STAAL, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of New York.—Introduced by R. E. SIR FRANK H. WILSON.

SIR KT. HUGO H. HERTZBERG, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Vermont.—Introduced by R. E. SIR ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY.

SIR KT. LLOYD E. JONES, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the GrandCommandery K. T. of New Hampshire and SIR KT. ALONZO PARKS, Past Grand Commander.—Introduced by R. E. SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE.

SIR KT. HERBERT R. TROLLE, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Connecticut.—Introduced by EM. SIR HAROLD A. BUDREAU.

SIR KT. WILLARD H. DOELL, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Maine.—Introduced by R. E. SIR RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS.

SIR KT. ALVIN R. CRUMP, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Illinois.—Introduced by EM. SIR NORMAN P. SMITH.

SIR KT. JOHN C. BALLINGER, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of New Jersey.—Introduced by R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.

SIR KT. ETRIBEL A. SCHAUB, Past Grand Commander and personal representative of SIR KT. GEORGE F. FLENTJE, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Maryland.—Introduced by R. E. SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER.

SIR KT. J. ROWE MEHLFELT, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T., District of Columbia.—Introduced by R. E. SIR THOMAS C. BROWN.

ILL. NORRIS G. ABBOTT, 33°, Deputy for Rhode Island and representing ILL. HERBERT N. FAULKNER, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.—Introduced by EM. SIR DONALD W. VOSE, 33°.

MOST ILL. WALDO I. POWELL, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts and MOST ILL. EDWIN O. WILBUR, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island.—Introduced by R. E. SIR DWIGHT C. PAGE.

MOST EX. STANLEY F. MAXWELL, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts and MOST EX. GEORGE H. OSTRANDER, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island.—Introduced by R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE.

ILL. JAMES C. BAYLEY, Past Potentate of Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. as personal representative of ILL. HERBERT N. FAULKNER, Potentate.—Introduced by R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.

SIR KT. GUY I. ROBB, Department Commander of Northeastern Division of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.—Introduced by R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS.

MOST EX. WILLIAM FOSTER CLARK, 33°, General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter.—Introduced by R. E. SIR CLARENCE E. BOOTH.

SIR KT. GEORGE WILBUR BELL, Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment and personal representative or SIR KT. PAUL MILLER MOORE, Most Eminent Grand Master of the

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.—Introduced by R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS.

MOST WORSHIPFUL A. NEILL OSGOOD, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts and MOST WORSHIPFUL LEONARD E. SMITH, Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and RT. WORSHIPFUL ROBERT P. BEACH, Grand Marshal.—Introduced by E. SIR DONALD W. VOSE, D.G.M., 33°.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Em. Sir Grand Captain of the Guard, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the very fine work that you have done in forming and Escort for our Distinguished Guests, and you are now dismissed.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: The next Order of Business on the Agenda will be the Roll Call of the Grand Representatives. At this time I will ask the R. E. Grand Recorder to read the Roll of Grand Representatives.

ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	EM. SIR WILLIAM TURNER
Arizona	EM. SIR LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN
Arkansas	EM. SIR CHARLES W. GURDY
California	EM. SIR SAUNDERS W. SPOONER
Colorado	EM. SIR ROBERT E. POWELL
Connecticut	EM. SIR HAROLD A. BUDREAU
District of Columbia	R. E. SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER
Florida	R. E. SIR DWIGHT C. PAGE
Georgia	EM. SIR G. BURTON LONG
Idaho	EM. SIR HOWARD L. GEER
Illinois	EM. SIR NORMAN P. SMITH
Indiana	EM. SIR FRANK BROWN ELLS
Kansas	EM. SIR JAMES C. BAYLEY
Kentucky	EM. SIR HAROLD L. BURR
Louisana	EM. SIR WILLIAM S. HOWARD
Maine	R. E. SIR RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS
Maryland	R .E. SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
Michigan	EM. SIR WILLIAM F. CLARK
Minnesota	R. E. SIR THOMAS A. BOOTH
Montana	EM. SIR GEORGE C. PATTON, JR.
Nevada	EM. SIR ALLAN CAMPBELL, JR.
New Hampshire	R. E. SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE
New Jersey	R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
New Mexico	EM. SIR CHARLES D. HARRINGTON
New York	R. E. SIR FRANK H. WILSON
Ohio	R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS
Oregon	EM. SIR GEORGE RINGCHRIST
Pennsylvania	EM. SIR THOMAS C. BROWN
South Carolina	EM. SIR T. LEGARE FENN
South Dakota	EM. SIR CLAYTON F. FISHER
Tennessee	EM. SIR CHESTER G. PARSONS
Texas	R. E. SIR CLARENCE E. BOOTH
Utah	EM. SIR JOHN J. MICK
Vermont	R. E. SIR ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY
Virginia	EM. SIR CLARENCE R. DAVIS
Washington	R. E. SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE
Wyoming	R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: R. E. Sirs and Eminent Sirs, thank you for being here this morning to represent your States, our Sister Grand Commanderies. You will bring Fraternal Greetings of this Grand Commandery to the States that you represent, and keep them informed to the best of your ability of what we are doing here and also keep us informed of what our Sister Jurisdictions are doing. Thank you very much. Now is there one here who would like to respond for the Grand Representatives?

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: Right Eminent Sir, Speaking for the delegates from the various States, I will state it is a pleasure to represent our Sister Jurisdictions and those of us who are able to be here on Tuesday are most pleased to be here and look forward to a most interesting meeting today.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you Sir Knights, you are dismissed.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, this is the Report of the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander. As you know, I am the Acting Grand Commander at this time.

REPORT OF THE VERY EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER, LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN, ACTING GRAND COMMANDER

The Templar year just ending for this Grand Jurisdiction has been one of sadness.

It was the will of our Supreme Commander, in His infinite wisdom, that He call to that asylum above, our leader and beloved frater, Sir Knight William Francis West, Right Eminent Grand Commander of our Grand Commandery, at a time when he had nearly reached the height of his Masonic career with the completion of his year as Grand Commander.

At his death it became my duty to take up the banner of leadership and endeavor to complete his administrative year. It is very difficult for one to take up the work of another and carry on. The feeling is—"Am I doing it as he would like to have it done?"

With this thought in mind I welcome you, as he would, to this one hundred and sixtieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Inc. To the distinguished representatives of our Sister Jurisdictions with whom we have been so closely associated for many years; to the Most Worshipful Grand Masters of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the representatives of the Scottish Rite, the Most Excellent Grand High Priests of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of Massachusetts and Rhode

Island, the Most Illustrious Grand Masters of the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and the representative of the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America—I extend the most hearty and cordial greetings of this Grand Commandery, with our sincere wish that your stay with us will be most pleasant, and our fellowship with you greatly strengthened. This Grand Commandery has always recognized the great mutual advantages of hearty co-operation with all the Branches of Masonry, including the Shrine.

It is gratifying to see so many of our Constituent Commanderies represented here today to take part in the serious deliberations of this Grand Commander.

The ravages of time have taken their usual toll from the ranks of Templary and many distinguished Templars have laid down their swords to enter the Asylum above. Prominent among them is our departed Right Eminent Grand Commander, William Francis West, Knighted January 30, 1922; Eminent Commander, Calvary Commandery No. 13, 1944-1945; Right Eminent Grand Commander, October 9, 1962 to July 15, 1963; Died July 15, 1963.

Sir Knight Herman Charles McStay, Eminent Grand Senior Warden; Knighted May 7, 1923, Eminent Commander Boston Commandery No. 2 1949-1951; elected Grand Senior Warden, October 9, 1962; Died November 28, 1962.

Sir Knight Frederic Kennedy, Past Grand Commander, Knighted May 9, 1932 Eminent Commander Natick Commandery No. 33, 1940-1941; Right Eminent Grand Commander, October 25, 1952 to October 31, 1953. Died July 19, 1963.

Sir Charles A. Harrington, Knighted September 20, 1896; Eminent Commander, Worcester County Commandery No. 5, 1905-1906. Eminent Grand Warder 1914-1915. Died February 24, 1963.

Sir Knight Gerald Franklin DeHoff Reichley, Knighted March 28, 1939; Eminent Commander Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 1950-1951; Eminent Deputy Grand Warder 1953-1962; Died November 4, 1962.

Sir Knight Gardner B. Wardwell, our auditor, Knighted April 9, 1930, Hugh de Paynes Commandery No. 20 died October 4th, 1963.

"Our Sir Knights silently sheathed their swords for the last time and went to dwell in the realms of Light and Life Eternal."

At this time we will listen to a tribute to their memories from the Committee on Necrology.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

Boston, Mass., October 8th, 1963

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Sir Knights:

Your Committee on Necrology presents its Annual Report for the year ending October 7, 1962 to October 8, 1963.

Recorded is the death of 431 Sir Knights and of the Right Eminent Grand Commander and one Right Eminent Past Grand Commander. R. E. Sir William F. West passed away on July 15th. Four days later on July 19, the sword of grief again struck deep in the body of this Grand Commandery in the passing away of a Past Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Frederick Kennedy. God rest the souls of these devoted leaders. They have carried the heavy cross of service and sacrifice. God bestows upon them the Crown.

Each of these beloved Brother Knights, who have passed from our earthly sights and whom we mourn, have completed the journey of Pilgrimage. In their lifetime they fought the good fight for God and the Right. After victory and peace they made their knightly profession and as pilgrim penitents received the knight's sacramental benefit. In devout remembrance of great and beloved servants of mankind they have testified to their fellowship with them. With the chalice of the last earthly sacrament they have partaken of the sacred communion of the mortality of the body crowned by their faith in the immortality of the Soul. This sacred Action marks their entry into the life of the world to come.

We their Fraters, cherish in grateful remembrance these beloved Sir Knights and leaders. Trusting God's mercy, we commend their souls to Him who gave them. God rest their souls in peace eternal. With the dawn of the Everlasting Morning may they rise to newness of life and may the Light Perpetual light their path as they progress onward and upward in the life of the world to come.

To those who mourn and remember our beloved Sir Knights, who have crossed the Great Divide ahead of us and whose names are appended hereto and made a part hereof, we offer the sympathy of all the members of this Grand Commandery and the faith of the Templar Rite. With them and the Blessed Emanuel in the final reunion of all souls, we shall partake of the Fruit of the Vine in the eternal Kingdom of God. With the Sign of the Cross, in

which we shall conquer, we bless them and ourselves in Faith, Hope and Charity.

Courteously submitted,

REV. AND E. SIR FRANK B. CRANDALL, *Chairman*
Grand Prelate
REV. AND E. SIR W. IRVING MONROE, JR.
REV. AND E. SIR LEONARD S. REDLAWN
EM. SIR WILLIAM J. O'NEIL
EM. SIR ARTHUR J. PHILLIPS

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Commandery	*Past Commanders*	*Date of Death*
St. John's No. 1	John Harrison Edmondson	July 5, 1963
	Harry Augustus Reed	Dec. 19, 1962
Boston No. 2	Herman C. McStay	Nov. 28, 1962
Newburyport No. 3	Laurence B. Cheney	April 18, 1963
	Arthur S. Lord	Dec. 25, 1962
St. Bernard No. 12	Geoffrey Lionel Pippette	July 19, 1962
Calvary No. 13	William F. West	July 15, 1963
Haverhill No. 14	Henry Locke Gardner	April 19, 1963
Bethany No. 17	John Sullivan Larrabbee	Feb. 18, 1963
Hugh de Payens No. 20	Ernest Wm. Hinchcliffe	Mar. 8, 1963
St. Omer No. 21	Alexander Campbell	Jan. 27, 1963
	Elmer Preston Fletcher	Mar. 30, 1963
	Eric Waldemar Hanson	Mar. 2, 1963
Connecticut Valley No. 23	Dana C. Salmon	Aug. 11, 1963
Godfrey de Bouillon No. 25	Bertram P. Hathaway	Sept. 24, 1962
Joseph Warren No. 26	Donald Preston Knight	Aug. 3, 1963
Bristol No. 29	Adelbert M. Barden	Feb. 2, 1963
	Eugene F. Mitchell	Aug. 25, 1962
Northampton No. 30	Thomas Abbott Tyrer	May 10, 1963
Natick No. 33	Frederic Kennedy	July 19, 1963
	G. Forest Penniman	April 21, 1963
Gethsemane No. 35	Samuel Henry Selloy	April 2, 1963
	Gerald F. D. Reichley	Nov. 4, 1962
St. Paul No. 40	George William Seddon	Oct. 7, 1962
Bethlehem No. 43	Walter Everett Olson	Jan. 1, 1963
	William Edward Ranta	Aug. 10, 1963
Orange No. 45	Kirke Locke Alexander	Aug. 31, 1962
	Fred Horton Train	July 20, 1962
Ivanhoe No. 46	Arthur H. Nourse	Nov. 4, 1962
	Oren R. Williams	Oct. 28, 1962
Reading No. 50	Elmer H. Robinson	Sept. 28, 1962
	Cyrus Dustin Thompson	July 10, 1963
Thomas Smith Webb No. 51	Sibley Ernest Kershaw	Dec. 26, 1962
	Thomas L. Rusk	Aug. 27, 1963

DECEASED PAST GRAND COMMANDERS FROM OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Alabama	R. E. SIR FRANK WHARTON GAINES	Sept. 18, 1962
	R. E. SIR FRANK ALBERT GILLETTE	Aug. 3, 1963
	R. E. SIR EARL DRAYTON HOLMES	July 1, 1963
	R. E. SIR CLAUD STALLWORTH	Dec. 19, 1962
Arkansas	R. E. SIR J. MILES ROBERTS	Aug. 21, 1962

California	R. E. Sir Glenn Wallace Gurtner	Dec.	14, 1962
Colorado	R. E. Sir Frank Peat Goeder	June	28, 1963
Dist. of Columbia	R. E. Sir Raymond Nelson Babcock	Mar.	16, 1963
	R. E. Sir Fred Ethelbert Blood	Dec.	28, 1962
	R. E. Sir Lloyd Otto Miller	April	18, 1963
Idaho	R. E. Sir Jay Glover Eldridge	Sept.	1, 1962
Illinois	R. E. Sir Stuart Eldred Pierson	Mar.	12, 1963
Indiana	R. E. Sir Joseph Robert Erb	Mar.	27, 1963
	R. E. Sir Roy Danks Smiley	Mar.	1, 1963
Iowa	R. E. Sir Lester L. Cropp	Mar.	2, 1963
	R. E. Sir Earl Barnes Delzell	Feb.	19, 1963
Kansas	R. E. Sir Forest Hashbarger	Mar.	12, 1963
Louisiana	R. E. Sir Bonnie McEwin McKoin	Dec.	2, 1962
	R. E. Sir Norman DeVermon Ott	Sept.	7, 1962
Maine	R. E. Sir Alton L. Johnson, Sr.	Nov.	28, 1962
	R. E. Sir Frank Elwyn Southard	April	6, 1963
Mississippi	R. E. Sir Marsh Hainer	Jan.	11, 1963
Montana	R. E. Sir DeWitt Creiger Warren	Feb.	19, 1963
Nebraska	R. E. Sir Otto E. Bullis	Sept.	2, 1962
	R. E. Sir Charles H. Marley	Dec.	29, 1962
Nevada	R. E. Sir Gordon Hugo Jonasen	Aug.	8, 1962
New Hampshire	R. E. Sir Harold William Greatorex	April	10, 1963
New Jersey	R. E. Sir Arthur Poole Johnson	July	1, 1963
Pennsylvania	R. E. Sir Charles D. Zimmerman	Oct.	1, 1962
Oklahoma	R. E. Sir Leonard S. Maphet	Sept.	11, 1962
South Dakota	R. E. Sir Loyd R. Ballard	May	3, 1963
	R. E. Sir N. Ellis Mattox	Nov.	3, 1962
	R. E. Sir Vernie E. Warren	Jan.	3, 1963
Tennessee	R. E. Sir Chauncey Nicklin Mynderse	Mar.	8, 1963
	R. E. Sir James Hazzard Patton	Dec.	16, 1962
Texas	R. E. Sir Thomas Mortimore Bethell	Nov.	2, 1962
Washington	R. E. Sir Marion L. Cotton	Jan.	31, 1963
	R. E. Sir Edward Beaumont King	June	8, 1963
	R. E. Sir Hugh Biggar Shaw	June	22, 1963
	R. E. Sir Samuel Aaron Wright	July	11, 1963
Wisconsin	R. E. Sir Ayer Thomas Wallace	Feb.	21, 1962

The Acting Grand Commander: Sir Knights, Attention, Uncover, you will now join me in a silent prayer to the memory of our departed Fraters.

The Acting Grand Commander: Sir Knights, re-cover, and be seated.

The Acting Grand Commander: The Report of the Grand Commander will now be continued by the Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir George A. Weeks: I will now endeavor to report on the untimely severed stewardship of R. E. Sir William F. West. The following report of last year has been compiled to the best of our ability, from such information as was available, and I herewith submit it to you for your consideration and approval.

RECEPTION

On November 17, 1962, a reception was held at the Jolly Millers Club, Seekonk, Mass., sponsored by Calvary

Commandery No. 13 of East Providence, to honor Right Eminent Sir William Francis West, one of their Past Commanders. Eminent Sir Josef Rais, Division Commander of the 7th Division was Chairman and Master of Ceremonies. Approximately two hundred Sir Knights and their ladies, including a full line of Grand Commandery Officers were present to extend to the Wests their congratulations and best wishes for a pleasant and prosperous Templar year.

Eminent Sir Hartley F. French, Eminent Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 13 presented the Grand Commander with a beautiful Hamilton wrist watch, suitably engraved, as a gift from the Sir Knights of Calvary Commandery No. 13.

Sir Knight C. Leigh Kingsford, Captain General of Calvary Commandery entertained with a clever sleight of hand performance. A delightful evening was enjoyed by all.

VISITATIONS

The record shows that Rt. Eminent William F. West and Mrs. West attended many Masonic functions sponsored by the Commanderies, Scottish Rite, Rainbow Girls, the Order of DeMolay, the Social Order of the Beauseant, and the Grand Conclaves of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut and New Jersey. On other occasions when due to ill health it was impossible for him to attend, some one of the Grand Officers represented him.

MEMBERSHIP

This year the Quota (as in the past) was based upon one thousand petitions for membership. We received 452 petitions but only 385 of that number were knighted.

The above knightings did not replace our deaths which were 431 so we show a net loss of 254 (the largest net loss since 1934 when the loss was 356).

In 1960 our total membership was 15,059. Today it is 14,663, a net loss of 396. Our membership committee, which was appointed by districts, under the Chairmanship of Eminent Sir James C. Bayley, was very active throughout the entire year. However, they did not receive the full support of the Constituent Commandery Committees. A large percentage of the Commanders did not appoint a membership committee nor request lists of prospective candidates. These lists were available upon request. It is our belief that every Commander should honestly make a serious attempt to maintain his level of membership.

ORDER OF MERIT

The Order of Merit was established by Rt. Eminent William S. Hamilton in 1934. It is awarded to a member of our

Order who has rendered distinct service to Templary. Grand Commandery is very much indebted to one of our fraters who has devoted much time and energy in attempting to elicit and encourage the help and assistance of every Sir Knight within our jurisdiction to express his loyalty to this Grand Commandery of ours. His record indicates that he has performed his duty admirably well. To this Sir Knight we wish to express before this group of assembled Sir Knights our most sincere thanks and appreciation for his unlimited support and countless hours of labor in behalf of the Grand Commandery. It is with a deep and sincere sense of appreciation that we present this Order of Merit to Eminent Sir Joseph LeRoy Jones, Past Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20, Chairman of the Progress Committee of the Grand Commandery.

The second to be so honored, Sir Knights, is one who has served this Grand Commandery and Templary for many long years. He served Templary as Commander of his Commandery, Bay State No. 38, was Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1936 and 1937. On October 28, 1942, Rt. Em. Sir Arlan M. Spencer appointed him a Trustee of the Knight Templar Educational Foundation. In this capacity he has gone far beyond the call of duty in order to aid and assist worthy students to obtain an education. He is a gracious Templar, and an able administrator. We regret his retirement after 21 years of faithful service to Templary. Due to the fact that he is enroute to Minneapolis, Wisconsin he cannot be present today, but Grand Commandery is pleased to award the Order of Merit to Right Eminent Sir Harold Wentworth Sprague.

THE TEMPLAR

The first issue of the Templar was October, 1947, 16 years ago. Since that time the Templar has been recognized as the representative organ, emanating from the Grand Commandery Office to keep the Constituent Commanderies and the Grand Officers informed relative to the progress made toward their Quota attainment, as well as to issue information on subjects that are applicable to Knights Templar, for the betterment and progress of Templary. Although increased costs of printing and mailing are important factors in the publishing of the Templar, we must realize that important news and historical items always are, or should be, of interest to our Sir Knights.

While it is primarily intended for the Commanders, Recorders, Grand Officers and Committeemen of our Constituent Commanderies, we receive many favorable comments from Grand Encampment Officers and other Jurisdictions. We believe its publication has much value and should be continued.

RHODE ISLAND MASONIC NIGHT

On December 8, 1962 an All-Masonic night was held in the Rhode Island auditorium in Providence, R. I. The Masters and Wardens of the Blue Lodges acted as escort to the Most Worshipful Grand Master and to the Grand Lodge officers. Chapter and Council members escorted the Grand heads of their respective bodies.

The Grand Commander and his council together with the Sir Knights of seven Commanderies with their banners made a very impressive sight. Also in attendance were the DeMolay boys, Rainbow girls and members of the Eastern Star.

The Shrine band furnished the music for the evening. Exhibition drills were given by the Palestine Shrine patrol and Oriental band. Over 6,000 were in attendance.

CITATIONS FOR QUOTA ATTAINMENT, ETC.

Grand Commandery has long recognized that there is no provision made for efforts and activities outside of Inspection Night. In 1947, a certificate was issued as a reward for outside activities such as procuring new members and any activity that would make a successful Templar year. Since that time, citations have been given for various activities. It is regretable that we are unable to recognize and thank each Sir Knight who has contributed so liberally to the furtherance of Templary. This year we are giving citations to the four Commanderies who have obtained their quotas—namely:

Natick Commandery No. 33 K. T.—Sir Knight Stanley H. Deane, Em. Commander with 147% of its Petition Quota.

South Shore Commandery No. 31 K. T.—Sir Knight Frank W. Hanhisalo, Em. Commander with 130% of its Quota.

Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34 K. T.—Sir Knight Ronald K. Holman, Em. Commander with 103% of its Petition Quota.

Northampton Commandery No. 30 K. T.—Sir Knight Herman C. Harvey, Em. Commander with 100% of its Petition Quota.

R. E. Sir George A. Weeks: Em. Grand Captain of the Guard, will you present Em. Sir George B. Rowell to the East.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: During the past couple of years, we have had a man who has done a lot of work on our Jurisprudence Committee and has worked hard on, many cases and for different Grand Commanders. Now, George, you remember the little controversy that has gone on between you and some of the Past Grand Commanders during the past years on your right to wear a white feather on your chapeau and how William Francis West told you if it was the last thing he ever did that you would receive a white feather. We know that William Francis West is not present today, but his wish has been taken care of and I know that our Acting Grand Commander has something to say.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: George, it is a pleasure to hand this to you and, with all seriousness, wear it with honor because I know that Bill and the other boys here are happy to have you have this.

EM. SIR GEORGE B. ROWELL: I am very, very grateful for this. It means so much to me because I thought a great deal of Bill as I have many of the others. Really I don't know just how to say this but thank you so much.

(The Grand Recorder continued reading the Report of the Grand Commander).

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

The outstanding event of the year was the Grand Commander's Ball held under the auspices of the Presiding Councils' Club at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts on Saturday, March 30th. This is the seventh consecutive year that Templary has been publicly displayed with a reception of the Grand Officers under an Arch of Steel. Many Sir Knights with their Ladies took part in the Grand March and witnessed the Drill Teams compete for the HARRY G. POLLARD CUP, presented by Aleppo Temple in 1957.

After spirited competition, GETHSEMANE COMMANDERY No. 35, won 1st prize and THOMAS SMITH WEBB COMMANDERY No. 51 won 2nd prize. The Drill Team of Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8 put on an exhibition Drill that warmed the hearts of their loyal supporters.

On May 12th, the 100th Anniversary Parade and Religious Service of Haverhill Commandery No. 14, Haverhill, Massachusetts (chartered on May 13, 1863) when more than 350 Uniformed Sir Knights paraded to the High School Stadium to witness the exhibition drills and various exercises and to hear a stirring address given by the Reverend and Right Eminent Sir Howard T. Joslyn, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of New Hampshire. The following units took part in the parade and exercises: Aleppo Temple Shriners' Band, The Aleppo Temple Oriental Band, two platoons of the Patrol of Aleppo Temple with their colors, Portland Commandery Band, Haverhill Masonic Band with the Shoemakers Drum Corps. There were representatives from Grand Commanderies, Blue Lodges, Chapter, Councils, and Commanderies from three states together with the Eastern Star, White Shrine, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay Boys—SURELY TEMPLARY WAS ON THE MARCH!

On June 4th, the Annual Templar Night at "The Pops" was a successful and enjoyable evening. Thanks to our Presiding Councils' Club who sponsored this event which provided an opportunity to get together for an evening of good music with good friends and Sir Knights.

ALL MASONIC NITE, BOSTON GARDEN

All Masonic Nite, sponsored by Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.-N.M.S., was held in Boston Garden on the evening of June 8, 1963. This has been an Annual event for the 8th Consecutive year. Under the leadership of Rt. Eminent Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., we witnessed a brilliant display of pageantry in the form of brightly-colored uniformed Shriners and uniformed Sir Knights from thirty-five Commanderies. Twenty Grand Commandery Officers were seated on the stage, one hundred and fourteen Officers and ladies were seated in the boxes. Promptly at 7:00 P. M., the Potentate, his Divan and all uniformed units of Aleppo Temple entered. Followed by the Imperial Potentate, the State Officers of DeMolay with one thousand two hundred and eighteen uniformed members from fifty-eight DeMolay Chapters, Officers of the Scottish Rite, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Grand Royal and Select Masters, the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Suite of Grand Officers.

Your Grand Commander, riding in an automobile, was received through the Line of Grand Officers under an Arch of Steel with eight hundred uniformed Sir Knights standing at present swords. This in itself created quite a

spectacle. Surely Templarly was on the march! The Grand Master and his Grand Officers were the last to be received. The Garden was filled to capacity and the evening ended with an entertainment by well known personalities.

YORK RITE NIGHTS

Several York Rite Nights were held under the leadership of Rt. Eminent Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., these were all distributed throughout our jurisdiction. In each case the occasion was brought about by a neighboring group of Commanderies, and in each case helped our Membership Committee tremendously. The need for these nights should be recognized by the local York Rite Bodies.

REPORT ON TEMPLE COMMANDERY No. 48 K. T.

It is very difficult to make a report on a subject that was apparently being settled by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight William F. West.

At the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery held on October 9, 1962, a motion was made by Sir Knight John P. Valencia, Eminent Commander of Temple Commandery No. 48 K. T.—"that a Committee be appointed to review the matters confronting Temple Commandery No. 48 K. T. and its officers." (See Proceedings of (1962).

To conform with this motion, Right Eminent Sir William F. West, on January 4, 1963 appointed th following Committee:

EM. SIR GEORGE B. ROWELL, Chairman
RT. EM. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
RT. EM. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE
RT. EM. SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER
V. EM. SIR LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN

Several meetings were held by the Committee, as well as meetings with the Officers and Committees of Temple Commandery No. 48, also with the Grand Council Officers of this Grand Commandery (transcripts are on file in Grand Commandery Office and open to any Sir Knight who is interested).

On May 28, 1963, Right Eminent Sir William F. West received a letter from Sir Knight Carl Nelson, Generalissimo of Temple Commandery No. 48, requesting "that the whole matter regarding Temple Commandery No. 48 be tabled."

On June 5, 1963, Right Eminent Sir William F. West replied as follows: "In reply to your letter of May 28, 1963, after a careful consideration of your request, I find that at the present I cannot comply with your request—my

Decision is based upon SECTION 48, paragraph D of the Grand Encampment Constitution and Regulations:

> "In view of the above, I therefore have no alternative than to submit my report at the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery to be held on October 8, 1963 when recommendation for such action will be submitted for final action by the Grand Commandery.
>
> We, in Grand Commandery, wish to have Temple Commandery continue to exist, and I appreciate the work done by the Officers of Temple Commandery. I assure you that I will do all in my power, at the Annual Conclave, to clear this matter up, but until then my hands are tied."

Following this, the Senior Warden of Temple Commandery No. 48 reported to Temple Commandery at the regular June Conclave that he had been in telephone conversation with the Right Eminent Grand Commander that morning and after discussing the letter of June 5th, the Right Eminent Grand Commander did agree and promise that he would strongly recommend to Grand Commandery that no action be taken against Temple Commandery No. 48 or any of its members, and that any differences between Grand Commandery and Temple Commandery No. 48 would be terminated.

> (The above is taken from such records as are available which seem to convey the feeling of Rt. Em. Sir William F. West on this matter).

We recommend, that for the best interests of Templary the whole matter regarding Temple Commandery No. 48 K. T. be closed.

THOMAS SMITH WEBB MEDALS

During 1962-1963, twenty Commanderies presented 125 THOMAS SMITH WEBB MEDALS to "40-year Veterans:

Boston Commandery No. 2	4
Holy Sepulchre No. 8	8
Palestine Commandery No. 10	6
St Bernard Commandery No 12	1
Haverhill Commandery No. 14	3
Sutton Commandery No. 16	1
Winslow-Lewis Commandery No. 18	3
Jerusalem Commandery No. 19	5
St. Omer Commandery No. 21	6
Woonsocket Commandery No. 24	32
Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34	2
Olivet Commandery No. 36	8
Athol Commandery No. 37	6
Bay State Commandery No. 38	15
St. Paul Commandery No. 40	11
Beauseant Commandery No. 41	5
Quincy Commandery No. 47	3
Temple Commandery No. 48	4

St. Andrew Commandery No. 49	2
Thomas Smith Webb No. 51	5
Total	125

FIFTY YEAR BARS

During 1962-1963—Nine Commanderies presented 26 "FIFTY-YEAR BARS."

Holy Sepulchre No. 8	4
Haverhill No. 14	3
St. Omer No. 21	4
Joseph Warren No. 26	1
Trinity No. 32	1
Olivet No. 36	10
Bay State No. 38	1
Quincy No. 47	1
Thomas Smith Webb No. 51	1
Total	26

DISPENSATIONS TO RECEIVE AND BALLOT ON SAME AT THE STATED CONCLAVES OR SPECIAL CONCLAVES

In accordance with the specific powers granted to the Grand Commander by ARTICLE VIII, Section 2, of the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Commandery to permit Constituent Commanderies to receive petitions and ballot thereon at the same or Special Conclaves after such notice as he may deem proper, I granted 74 Dispensations to RECEIVE AND BALLOT during 1962-1963 upon petitions at the same or Special Conclaves as follows:

Number of Petitions		
4	September 19, 1962	Boston Commandery No. 2
1	October 3, 1962	Natick Commandery No. 33
1	October 17, 1962	Jerusalem Commandery No. 19
13	October 17, 1962	Boston Commandery No. 2
12	October 23, 1962	De Molay Commandery No. 7
1	October 26, 1962	St. John's Commandery No. 1
2	October 26, 1962	Orange Commandery No. 45
2	November 1, 1962	Sutton Commandery No. 16
1	November 7, 1962	St. Paul's Commandery No. 40
2	November 13, 1962	St. Omer Commandery No. 21
1	December 7, 1962	Reading Commandery No. 50
2	January 18, 1963	St. Omer Commandery No. 21
4	Feruary 20, 1963	Boston Commandery No. 2
1	March 7, 1963	Springfield Commandery No. 6
2	March 20, 1963	Boston Commandery No. 2
2	March 25, 1963	Natick Commandery No. 33
1	April 2, 1963	Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51
2	April 17, 1963	Boston Commandery No. 2
1	April 22, 1963	De Molay Commandery No. 7
2	May 13, 1963	St. Omer Commandery No. 21
1	May 22, 1963	Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51

13	June 10, 1963	Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34
1	June 12, 1963	Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20
1	June 19, 1963	Berkshire Commandery No. 22
1	June 19, 1963	Boston Commandery No. 2

DISPENSATIONS FOR OTHER PURPOSES

September 11, 1962—GODFREY de BOUILLON No. 25, Fall River, Mass., to hold a Special Election for the Office of Treasurer.

September 11, 1962—BAY STATE No. 38, Brockton, Mass., to hold their Installation of Officers in the First Baptist Church as their Asylum was too small.

September 11, 1962—ST. OMER No. 21, Dorchester, Mass., to hold a Special Election for the office of Junior Warden.

September 11, 1962—BAY STATE COMMANDERY No. 38, Brockton, Mass., to hold their Annual Inspection in the Walkover Club as their Asylum is too small.

September 20, 1962—BETHANY No. 17, Lawrence, Mass., to appear in public and participate in the "For God and Country Parade" to be held in Lawrence on September 23, 1962 providing at least 50 Sir Knights appear in uniform.

December 5, 1962—CALVARY No. 13, East Providence, Rhode Island, to appear in public at the All Masonic Nite to be held in Providence on December 8, 1962.

December 7, 1962—BETHANY No. 17, Lawrence, Mass., to hold a Special Installation at their Stated Conclave for the office of Warder.

January 4, 1963—OLD COLONY No. 15, Abington, Mass., to hold their Stated Conclave in the Masonic Apartments in Plymouth and work the Orders of Red Cross and Malta on four Companions.

January 23, 1963—PALESTINE No. 10, Chelsea, Mass., to appear in public and work the Royal Arch Degree in Winthrop Chapter.

February 5, 1963—BETHANY No. 17, Lawrence, Mass., to hold a Special Installation for the office of Sentinel.

March 4, 1963—ORANGE No. 45, Orange, Mass., to change their meeting place from 9½ South Main St., to 7½ West Main Street.

March 25, 1963—PRESIDING COUNCILS CLUB to appear in public for the Assembly of Knights Templars and the Grand Commander's Ball to be held in the Statler-Hilton, Boston on Saturday, March 30th, 1963.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED

September 24, 1962—Louisiana, Sir Kt. William Sumner Howard as the Grand Representative for the Grand Commandery K. T. of Louisiana near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

January 2, 1963—NEBRASKA, Sir Kt. Charles H. Leffingwell as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Nebraska near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

February 11, 1963—CALIFORNIA, Sir Saunders W. Spooner as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K. T. of California near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

February 1, 1963—NEVADA, Sir Kt. Allan Campbell, Jr., as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Nevada near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECEIVED

April 11, 1963—ILLINOIS, Sir Kt. Ronald Henry Rammer as the Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Illinois.

COURTESIES RECEIVED

September 24, 1962—COROMAL COMMANDERY No. 36 K. T., Denver, Colorado, conferred the Orders of Knighthood upon Companion William Martin Wightman as a courtesy to Bethlehem Commandery No. 43 K. T.

February 14, 1963—BAY RIDGE COMMANDERY No. 79, Brooklyn, N. Y., conferred the Order of the Red Cross and Malta on Companion Clarence Leonard Mitchell as a courtesy to Hugh de Payens No. 20 K. T., Melrose, Mass.

RELEASE OF JURISDICTION

June 3, 1963—ST GEORGE COMMANDERY K. T., Nashua, N. H., over Companion Leon Alder Dobson, Salem, N. H., to Bethany Commandery No. 17 K. T., Lawrence, Mass.

PERMISSION TO INVADE RECEIVED

April 15, 1963—NEWBURYPORT COMMANDERY No. 3 K. T., received permission from the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine to confer the Orders of Temple on Knight of Malta, George L. May.

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: I move you, Sir, that the report be accepted, the recommendations adopted and printed in our Proceedings. Voted unanimously.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Grand Commandery, attention! Sir Knights, at this time it is my pleasure and great honor to introduce to you the M. W. Grand Master A. Neill Osgood, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

M. W. A. NEILL OSGOOD: Suppose you seat your Commandery and I will speak from here.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, be seated!

M. W. A. NEILL OSGOOD: V. E. Acting Grand Commander, M. W. Grand Master, and my Brother Sir Knights all. It is a privilege to be the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts and with my illustrious colleague from the South to be received by your distinguished body. I appreciate very much the welcome that you gave to me.

The Sunday before last I attended a worship service of St. Mary's Church, Episcopal, in Newton Lower Falls. I was there because they were celebrating an anniversary

of the laying of the cornerstone of that church. One hundred fifty years before a Deputy Grand Lodge—some of you don't know what I mean by that but it means a special communication of the Grand Lodge presided over by a Deputy Grand Master—laid that cornerstone and this was one hundred fifty years later to the day and I was invited, and very gladly accepted the invitation, to come as the Grand Master with certain of my Grand Lodge Officers and our ladies to be present at that significant occasion and read one of the morning lessons. The local Lodge at the time, one hundred fifty years ago, was now in Framingham, Meridian Lodge, but the Master was there. He also participated in the ceremony. Bishop Lawrence had come on and gave the sermon.

Last Sunday the Grand Lodge traveled to Methuen and there we laid the cornerstone of a parish house of the First Congregational Church in Methuen.

It is a very interesting ceremony from the point of view of one who is taking part in it. I tell you frankly it is the ceremony that gives me the most difficulty, the reason for that being although it is laid out what the ritual and actions shall be everything has to be adapted to the physical setup of a particular place where you are performing the ceremony. However, it is impressive and it is one of the few Masonic ceremonies that we perform in public. That is why I am speaking on it today.

I believe that we as Masons should in the ways that fall to us bring or present a good image of Masonry to the citizenry in general. In other words, wherever we can without imposing ourselves upon a situation be recognized as Masons performing a function.

Now I will admit that I never saw a cornerstone laying, although I had been a member of the Masonic Order since 1928, until I participated in one this year and that was the laying of a cornerstone for a Masonic Temple. This was the second cornerstone laying. In that ceremony where the Grand Master is asked to lay the cornerstone and reply it is developed that Masons do lay cornerstones under their laws for edifices constructed for the worship of God, for charitable and benevolent objects, for the encouragement and commemoration of deeds of valor and patriotism, and for the purpose of administration of justice and free government. And yet I in all these years had never known of any sore of public building or church that had been or had its cornerstone laid by Masons.

Now I think we got the invitation to go to Methuen this past week because it was the Senior Grand Warden who is a member, a deacon, of that church, and from the earlier

cornerstone laying suddenly realized that we have all heard of cornerstones being laid by Masons and why shouldn't it be done now? He followed it through and asked the church. The minister was a Brother but he had never experienced it. He asked him if he wouldn't like the Grand Lodge to come and lay the cornerstone. His memory jogged the minister, a Brother, and he was delighted and we appeared.

What I am saying to you, you men like myself of the Christian persuasion must be on the boards, committees, or at least deeply entangled in the doings of many Protestant churches in Massachusetts. Now and then we do build such structures. It is only if you think of the possibility of having the Grand Lodge participate that we may be brought into it and have another opportunity to present Masonry favorably to a community and still be pursuing what is our lawful and legitimate action. I would ask you to keep that in mind. Perhaps the Grand Lodge will not be able to accept all opportunities as conflicts do come but insofar as we are able I think it would be to the benefit of Templary, of Masonry and of us all. Thank you.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, M. W. for your words of wisdom this morning.

Commandery, attention! At this time I have the honor to present M. W. Leonard E. Smith, Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island. Sir Knights ,be seated.

M. W. LEONARD E. SMITHS E. Commander, M. W. Grand Master, Reverend Clergy, distinguished guests and Sir Knights all. I assure you that it is a great pleasure to be here this morning in your One Hundred Sixtieth Annual Conclave and bring you the greetings of the Most Ancient Honorable Society of Freemasons of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and may I bring to you my own personal felicitations.

We who are here from Rhode Island this morning have a little sadness in our hearts for William Francis West. I often used to see Bill on the sidewalks in the City of Providence. He would say, "Remember next fall on October 8 you will be my guest in Grand Commandery." I have kept my engagement but Bill has been called by the Grand Architect and I am sure we miss him.

On the remarks of your M. W. Grand Master of Massachusetts may I remind you that we also lay cornerstones in Rhode Island and I hope that Rhode Islanders will take note. We have laid a cornerstone at the OES Home in Rhode Island.

This year we are stressing publicity. A committee has been appointed and we would like to get before the public

all special events such as annual meetings, ladies' nights, and anything that interests the public. Of course, we cannot advertise our stated meetings.

Last Sunday I had the opportunity of accompanying Holy Sepulchre Commandery to church in Pawtucket. Your Acting Grand Commander was present and I got to know him better. I know he has great plans for next year and I feel sure that the Commandery is going to increase in membership.

After the Service WJAR-TV was there and took movies of the minister in the church, of the Shrine Units and the Commandery Uniformed Units outside, also your Grand Commander. He had to leave for New Hampshire but if he could have been present at eleven o'clock at night he would have seen on TV his own picture. We had a good spread, probably thirty or forty-five seconds, longer than we usually get. He is very photogenic.

I thank you for all the courtesies extended to me and wish for you a happy and prosperous year. Thank you.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, M. W.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: At this time the agenda calls for the report of the Grand Recorder.

Now they tell us that tragedy hits hard. By hearing the report of the Necrology Committee you have heard many reports but the one that I have to make reference to at this time affects this Grand Commandery probably more than any other right at this present moment.

Three weeks ago the Finance Committee met, set up their budget. Our Auditor was there, gave them all the figures that were necessary for the finances for the coming year, the budget. He talked over these figures with our R. E. Grand Commander and he started the audit of the Grand Commandery funds.

We have had to take his pencil figures in order to complete the report. The pencil figures from his report are all complete but not in form that we could read. For the purpose of reading I have had my report set up by another auditor just to help us over this particular crisis.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K. T., Inc. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

Total membership as of June 30, 1962		14,917
Gains		
Knighted	385	
Affiliations	23	
Reinstatements	15	

Error	1		
		424	
Losses			
Dimitted	114		
Suspended	131		
Deaths	431		
Error	2		
		678	
Net Loss		254	254
Total Membership as of June 30, 1963			14,663

Massachusetts	12,669	Loss 179
Rhode Island	1,994	Loss 75
Net Loss		254

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder.

EXHIBIT A

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.

GRAND RECORDER'S CASH SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1963

Arrears Collected	$ 918.78
Per Capita Dues	16,965.80
Candidates' Fees	1,875.00
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	432.25
Diplomas and Engraving	575.00
Tactics	48.00
Official Orders	175.44
Eye Foundation Assessment	14,198.00
Due Cards	888.60
Annual Conclave	3,094.14
Interest	54.58
50 Year Bars	27.50
Grand Encampment Constitutions	5.50
Repayment Stock Purchase (Mass. Hosp. Ins.)	6,200.00
Lend Lease Rituals	140.00
Grand Fund Typewriter	244.51
Lost Rituals	50.00
Office Supplies	4.80
Miscellaneous	7.35
Total	$45,905.25

Note: The above figures are taken from the Records without audit.

WALTER F. KAMMLER,
Certified Public Accountant

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: I move you, Sir, that this Report be accepted, that the Report of the Grand Treasurer

and the Trustees of the Grand Fund, when completed by the auditor be printed in the Proceedings. Voted unanimously.

EXHIBIT B

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.

GENERAL FUND

GRAND TREASURER'S CASH SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1963

Balance, September 1, 1962			$18,965.37
Received from Grand Recorder			45,905.25
Total			$64,870.62
Expenditures			
Per Capita Tax		$ 2,685.06	
Eye Foundation		14,194.00	
Conclaves		5,920.83	
1962 Conclave		157.39	
Triennial Reserve		300.00	
Annual Proceedings		1,100.37	
Group Meetings		287.15	
Promotional		261.34	
Public Relations		331.44	
Inspections		747.22	
Exemplifications		222.85	
Salaries:			
Grand Recorder	$2,678.00		
Secretary	2,373.00		
Treasurer	500.00		
Total	$5,551.00		
Less—Payroll Taxes Withheld	748.96	4,802.04	
Social Security Taxes		371.29	
Federal and State Taxes Withheld		531.24	
Mass. Unemployment		71.99	
Miscellaneous and Contingent		431.66	
Repairs Grand Commander's Jewel		40.00	
Printing and Postage		1,556.55	
Rent		2,000.00	
Insurance and Bonding		235.93	
Audit		200.00	
Office Supplies		182.66	
Telephone		414.60	
Grand Commander's Fund		500.00	
Part Time Office Help		301.50	
Marking Officers		250.00	
Repayment of Grand Fund Loan		6,200.00	
Thomas Smith Webb Medals		242.07	
Diplomas		465.65	
Rentals		190.00	
Office Equipment		309.47	
Dues Cards		828.95	
Credential List		335.50	
Total Expenditures			$46,668.75

Balance, August 31, 1963	$18,201.87
Consisting of:	
Checking Account in First National Bank of Boston	$18,201.87
Savings Account—South Weymouth Savings Bank Book No. 19542	500.00
Total as above	$18,701.87

EXHIBIT C

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.
GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1963

	Actual	*Budget*
INCOME:		
Per Capita	$17,594.60	$17,900.40
Candidates' Fees	1,925.00	3,000.00
Other Income	262.40	500.00
Total	$19,782.00	$21,400.40
EXPENSES:		
Grand Encampment Dues	$ 2,685.06	$ 2,685.00
Conclaves 1963	2,826.69	2,500.00
Proceedings	1,100.37	1,200.00
Printing and Postage	1,551.95	1,500.00
Rent	2,000.00	2,000.00
Inspections	747.22	750.00
Marking Officers' Traveling Expenses	250.00	250.00
Group Meetings	287.15	350.00
Bond and Insurance	235.93	300.00
Salary—Grand Recorder	2,678.00	2,678.00
Salary—Clerk	2,373.00	2,373.00
Salary—Grand Treasurer	500.00	500.00
Part Time Office Help	301.50	300.00
Exemplifications	221.35	225.00
Grand Commander's Fund	500.00	500.00
Public Relations—Publicity	331.44	350.00
Promotional Activities	261.34	350.00
F.I.C.A. and Unemployment Tax	211.85	250.00
Repairs—Grand Commander's Jewel	40.00	65.00
Triennial Reserve	300.00	300.00
Auditor	300.00	200.00
Office Supplies	177.86	250.00
Telephone	414.60	300.00
Miscellaneous & Contingent	592.42	500.00
Total	$20,887.73	$20,676.00
Total	$ 1,105.73	$ 724.40

EXHIBIT D

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET, AUGUST 31, 1963

ASSETS

Cash:		
First National Bank of Boston		$18,201.87
South Weymouth Savings Bank Account No. 19452	500.00	
Petty Cash	25.00	$18,726.87
Accounts Receivable		701.90
Furniture and Fixtures		1,469.79
Past Grand Commander's Jewel		50.00
Grand Warder's Jewel		41.50
Inventories:		
Diplomas		158.40
Thomas Smith Webb—Medals		169.92
Grand Encampment Constitution		4.50
Merit Badges		48.45
Printing, Postage and Supplies		926.69
Tactics		546.00
Grand Encampment Drill Manuals		3.00
50 Year Bars		32.30
Register Badges		30.00
Past Grand Commanders' Buttons		15.60
Total Assets		$22,924.92

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Accrued Taxes:		
Federal and State Withholding	$ 88.73	
Social Security	66.50	$ 155.23
Accrued Expenses		300.00
Reserve for Part Time Help		226.00
Net Worth, September 1, 1962	23,349.42	
Deduct—Net Loss—Exhibit C	1,105.73	
Net Worth, August 31, 1963		22,243.69
Total Liabilities and Net Worth		$22,924.92

EXHIBIT E

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.
TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance, September 1, 1962	$ 1,612.91
Add: Appropriation for 1964 Triennial	300.00
Interest on Savings Account	73.51
Balance, August 31, 1963 in South Boston Savings Bank Account No. 189482	$ 1,986.41

EXHIBIT F

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.
CARRIE E. SEITZ FUND

Balance, September 1, 1962	$ 4,667.63
Add: Interest on Savings Account	182.50
	$ 4,850.13
Deduct: Withdrawn for grants	325.00
Balance, August 31, 1963, In South Weymouth Savings Bank Account No. 22,847	$ 4,525.43

EXHIBIT G

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.

"MARTIN FUND" (A. KENNETH MARTIN)

Balance, August 31, 1963	
In Home Savings Bank Account No. 528336	$ 1,000.00

SCHEDULE H

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.

CONCLAVE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance, September 1, 1963		$ 3,161.08
Interest for the Year	$ 122.97	
Received for 1962-63 Budget	2,500.00	2,622.97
Total		5,784.05
Paid to Grand Recorder		2,737.03
Balance, August 31, 1963		
In Wildey Savings Bank Account No. 191,833		$ 3,047.02

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.

GENERAL FUND

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND CERTIFICATE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1963

I have examined the books and records of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., for the year ended August 31, 1963.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and other auditing procedures that I considered necessary in the circumstances.

The result of my examination is set forth in the following exhibits:

Exhibit A—Grand Recorder's Cash Summary
Exhibit B—Grand Treasurer's Cash Sumary
Exhibit C—Comparative Income and Exchange Statement
Exhibit D—Balance Sheet, August 31, 1963
Exhibit E—Triennial Conclave Reserve Account
Exhibit F—Carrie E. Seitz Fund
Exhibit G—Martin Fund (A. Kenneth Martin)
Exhibit H—Conclave Reserve Account

In my opinion, the accompanying statements present fairly the financial position of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., at August 31, 1963 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

WALTER F. KAMMLER
Certified Public Accountant

Boston, Massachusetts
November 12, 1963

EXHIBIT A

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.

GRAND FUND

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1963

INCOME:		
Interest on Bonds	$ 219.11	
Dividends on Stocks	5,677.08	
Interest on Savings Banks	1,214.97	
Total Income		$ 7,111.16
EXPENSES:		
Rent of Safe Deposit Box	13.20	
Audit Fee	50.00	
Trustees Meeting	25.35	
Typewriter for Grand Commandery	244.51	
Total Expenses		333.06
Net Income for the Year		$ 6,778.10

EXHIBIT B

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.

GRAND FUND

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND PRINCIPAL, AUGUST 31, 1963

ASSETS		
Bonds (Book Value)—Exhibit C		$ 8,500.00
Stocks (Book Value)—Exhibit C		82,335.82
Savings Bank Accounts—Exhibit C		37,940.45
Dividend Accrued		52.50
Total Assets		$128,828.77
PRINCIPAL		
Balance, September 1, 1962		$120,745.43
Add: Grand Fund Net Income for the Year Ended August 31, 1963		6,778.10
Profit on Sale of 100 Shares National Shawmut Bank	$1,547.32	
Loss on Sale of $4,000 Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe 4's—1995	242.08	1,305.24
Total Principal		$128,828.77

EXHIBIT C

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.

GRAND FUND

SCHEDULE OF BONDS, STOCKS, SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS AUGUST 31, 1963 AND INCOME FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED

Amount	*Bonds*	*Book Value*	*Income*
$3000	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fee 4's—1995	$ 3,000.00	$ 219.11

4000	Boston & Maine R.R. "A" 4½%—1970.....	4,000.00	00.00
500	Boston & Maine R.R. 6% 8/1/61 thru 1965..	500.00	00.00
1000	Boston & Maine R.R. 6% 8/1/61 thru 1965..	1,000.00	00.00
	Total	$ 8,500.00	$ 219.11
	Per Cent Yield		2.58%
Shares	*Stocks*		
281	American Telephone & Telegraph Co.	$16,032.97	$1,011.60
140	American Tobacco Co.	2,144.59	210.00
200	Boston Insurance Co.	9,100.00	360.00
144	Chase National Bank	4,050.65	374.40
121	Chemical Bank & Trust Co.	3,500.00	338.80
155	First National Bank of Boston	3,947.14	496.00
277	First Pennsylvania Bank & Trust Co.	5,798.36	332.40
159	General Motors Corp.	4,847.19	556.50
131	Household Finance Co.	3,125.23	180.13
1,056	Massachusetts Investors Trust	5,868.00	427.53
	National Shawmut Bank (Sold 1/31/63)...	00.00	130.00
200	New Hampshire Insurance Co.	6,200.00	192.00
100	Pacific Lighting Corp.	3,370.01	240.00
204	Pittsburg National Bank	4,550.00	310.08
100	Standard Oil of N. J.	3,891.48	260.00
72	Union Oil of California	1,950.25	159.50
50	United Fruit Co.	2,875.09	33.75
25	F. W. Woolworth Co.	1,084.86	64.39
	Total	$82,335.82	$5,677.08
	Per Cent Yield		6.90%
Book No.	*Savings Banks*		
289908	Charlestown Savings Bank	$13,424.35	$ 311.36
405308	Home Savings Bank	1,045.98	43.10
62890	Salem Savings Bank	1,000.00	40.00
44989	Weymouth Savings Bank	1,391.53	55.64
190689	Wildey Savings Bank	15,537.16	620.46
196439	Wildey Savings Bank	5,541.43	144.41
	Total	$37,940.45	$1,214.97
	Per Cent Yield		3.20%
	Total Per Cent Yield		5.52%

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc.

Grand Fund

Auditor's Report and Certificate

For The Year Ended August 31, 1963

I have examined the books and records of the Grand Fund of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., for the year ended August 31, 1963 and present the following exhibits:

Exhibit A—Statement of Income and Expense for the year ended August 31, 1963
Exhibit B—Statement of Assets and Principal Account, August 31, 1963
Exhibit C—Schedule of Bonds, Stocks and Savings Bank Accounts August 31, 1963 and Income for the Year then ended

The securities were examined at the National Shawmut Bank vault in the presence of Clarence E. Booth, Grand Treasurer and George A. Weeks, Grand Recorder, and the savings bank accounts were verified by direct confirmation with the banks.

In my opinion, the accompanying statements present fairly the financial position of the Grand Fund of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., at August 31, 1963 and the results of its transactions for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Walter F. Kammler
Certified Public Accountant

Boston, Massachusetts
November 12, 1963

Boston, Mass., October 8, 1963

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of This Grand Commandery K. T., of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

We submit the following Budget for this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the year 1963-1964:

ESTIMATED BUDGET 1963-1964

Grand Encampment Dues	$ 2,640.00
Conclaves 1964	2,500.00
Proceedings 1963	1,200.00
Printing and Postage	1,500.00
Rent	2,000.00
Inspections	750.00
Group Meetings	300.00
Bond and Insurance	300.00
Salary—Grand Recorder	2,678.00
Grand Treasurer	500.00
Clerk	2,373.00
Office Help—part-time	375.00
Exemplifications	200.00
Grand Commander's Fund	500.00
Public Relations—Publicity	350.00
Promotional Activities	350.00
F.I.C.A. and Unemployment Taxes	250.00
Repairs—Grand Commander's Jewel	65.00
Triennial Reserve	200.00
Auditor	200.00
Office Supplies	250.00
Telephone	400.00
Miscellaneous and Contingent	500.00
Total	$20,381.00

Estimated Income:

Per Capita Tax—14,663 members at $1.20.....	$17,595.60
Candidate Fees—700 candidates at $5.00.....	3,500.00

Other Income	500.00
Total	$21,595.60

Courteously submitted,

KENNETH H. EARLE, *Chairman*
HAROLD C. BUDREAU
EDWARD NORRIS

Boston, Mass., October 8, 1963

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of This Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

We submit the following Budget for the Educational Foundation for 1964:

Salary—Secretary	$2,106.00
Clerk	2,600.00
Treasurer	300.00
Postage	40.00
Rent	800.00
Telephone	125.00
Trustees' Expenses	65.00
Auditor	300.00
Miscellaneous & Contingent	50.00
Bond and Insurance	200.00
Office Supplies	25.00
Social Security	86.00
Total	$6,697.00

NOTE: The above Budget is subject to the approval of the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation Committee.

Courteously submitted,

KENNETH H. EARLE, *Chairman*
HAROLD G. BUDREAU
EDWARD NORRIS

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the above Reports and print same in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

October 8, 1963

To the Grand Commander and Members of Grand Commandery:

The by-laws submitted by Constituent Commanderies as annexed hereto were approved by the Committee on

Jurisprudence and Laws. They were in the nature of corrections in by-laws rather than of any essential significance. All were in form under the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment and the Constitution and Regulations of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

There has been submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence a document containing an amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Commandery which was presented at the last meeting of the Grand Commandery. The first section of this amendment bears no title; the other bears the title, "Preferred Amendment."

It is the opinion of your Committee that the first section is in form and does not violate any of the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules of this Commandery or of the Grand Encampment.

The second, containing the words "Preferred Amendment," is not in form.

The Grand Commandery of the State of Maine has already ruled that it is illegal under the laws of the Grand Encampment for a Grand Commandery to require Cryptic Degrees as a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood.

The decisions of Past Grand Masters Walter A. DeLamater and Louis H. Wieber clearly state that such a requirem ent is void. Incidentally, it might be noted that the Grand Encampment has never required the obligation of any Commandery to include reference to the Cryptic Degrees. It is therefore our opinion that the first section of the proposed amendment ought to be passed.

The Committee on Jurisprudence was consulted and conferred with the Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General concerning various matters which were considered of importance to the Grand Commandery.

Respectfully and Courteously submitted,

GEORGE B. ROWELL, *Chairman*
Jurisprudence Committee

Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR THE GRAND COMMANDERY CONSTITUTION

1. OUTRIGHT REPEAL:

Amend Article XIX, Section 1—by repealing the amendment adopted at the 158th Annual Conclave in Boston on October 10, 1961 to that Section, so that Article XIX, Section 1, shall read:

"The Orders of Knighthood shall not be conferred upon anyone who has not received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason; nor upon anyone who is not an affiliated Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason, nor upon anyone who has not resided at least six months" (continue to end of section without change).

Amend Article XIX, Section 6, of the Constitution by eliminating the sentence adopted at the 158th Annual Conclave on October 10, 1961 which was as follows:

"However, for candidates who petition for the Orders on or before November 1, 1960, membership in good standing in Lodge and Chapter only is necessary to acquire or retain membership in a Commandery."

2. RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT:

Amend Article XIX, Section 1—as amended at the 158th Annual Conclave in Boston on October 10, 1961 by amending to substitute the following:

"and applied for the degrees of Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master" and "filed a petition to be a," so that Section 1, shall read as follows:

"The Orders of Knighthood shall not be conferred upon anyone who has not received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason, and applied for the Degrees of Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master; nor upon anyone who is not an affiliated Master Mason, and Royal Arch Mason and filed a petition to be a Super Excellent Master, nor upon anyone who has resided at least six months (continue to end of section without change)

Amend Article XIX, Section 6 of the Constitution by eliminating the sentence adopted at the 158th Annual Conclave on October 10, 1962, which was as follows:

"However, for candidates who petition for the Orders on or before November 1, 1962 membership in good standing in Lodge and Chapter only is necessary to acquire or retain membership in a Commandery."

Prepared by James C. Bayley.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, you have heard the report of the Jurisprudence Committee. I will now entertain a motion first to accept the report.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: I so move. (Motion seconded.)

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, we are now voting on receiving the report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Those in favor extend the sword arm. Those opposed, the bridle arm. Voted unanimously.

I will now entertain a motion to act on the recommendations of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Motion made and regularily seconded.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, you have heard the motion. By passing this it will repeal and

the Council Degrees would no longer be a prerequisite for the Commandery. Those in favor etxend the sword arm. Those opposed, the bridle arm. So voted.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

As forecast in the Templar reports the Grand Commandery suffered the large membership loss of 254, more than three times that of the previous Templar year, and the third loss in succession after many years of gains. We received only 425 petitions in contrast to over 600 the preceding two years and over 700 for the preceding four years before that.

We started off with 228 petitions for the months of September, October, and November for an average of 76 per month, but then we failed to get more than 40 petitions for any month from December through June. Over 50% of our petitions came in the first three months in contrast to 23% in 1962, 28% in 1961, and 29% in 1960. If we had kept along at the usual ratio we would have had over 800 petitions for the Templar year.

In my report at the Special Conclave in May I gave my reasons for this membership decline starting in November, 1962, when the Council Degrees became prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood. I am confident that this situation will be resolved today, so I do not need to add further to my previous report except to repeat that many of us were deeply disappointed at the failure of a majority of the Councils in Massachusetts to confer Degrees promptly.

The Acting Grand Commander deserves the highest praise for making a real attack on the problem of our declining membership and for supporting at least two of the recommendations of our Committee in our report of last year. For the first time the Grand Commandery is being divided into Divisions on a geographical basis, instead of on a historical number, and thus falls into line with the division of districts in the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Council. This will be of great assistance to our membership campaign in that it will bring neighboring Commanderies more closely together, and make it advantageous to have Joint Conclaves and other combined events. For the past two years we have divided the Commanderies on a geographical basis for membership purposes and now with this official action the membership program will receive added impetus. As before, each geographical Division will have a Membership Chairman who will work with the Division Commander and the Membership Chairman of each Commandery.

The second change recommended by our Committee was that the Grand Commander include as part of a Commandery mark its membership progress for the year. Now for the first time the final mark will be based on both excellent work and on reaching the Commandery quota, which has been reduced by an average of 15% this year. These are two great forward steps as far as the membership program is concerned and with your help we will show real progress this year.

In the past I have prepared prospect lists for every Commandery in Masachusetts, but few of them were put to much use. Last year they were available on request, but only three Commanders asked for them. I am happy to report that since I sent out letters to all the Commanders offering to prepare such lists, seven Commanders have already requested them, and all seven were sent the lists requested in less than a week's time. I cannot promise to respond so fast in the future, but if you want a list, kindly write me. I am somewhat handicapped in the preparation of these lists because the Grand Chapter Recorder has been ill and the Annual Chapter reports have not been made available to me yet.

Today, I have membership sheets which contain the Chapters and Blue Lodges in every Massachusetts Commandery's jurisdiction, and they are available for you at recess or adjournment. These sheets should be completed with the name and address of your Membership Chairman, if you have not already sent it to me, and the name and address of each member of your Membership Committee for each Chapter and Blue Lodge listed. We are going into the Blue Lodges and have Commandery or York Rite representatives in each of them, as the Scottish Rite has done so successfully. I request the Commanders to get together with their Membership Chairman and appoint members to these Committees as soon as possible. Copies of the respective lists will be given to your Division Commanders and Division Membership Committeemen.

I again urge you to arrange with other York Rite Bodies in your district to hold York Rite Festivals or York Rite Nights. Arrangements have already been made for two of the latter, the first in Melrose on October 29th, and the second in Boston on November 13th. I also urge occasional "Busy Men's" classes so that the Orders may be conferred properly in a relatively short space of time on candidates who prefer to take the Orders rapidly. This will have increased appeal now that our Divisions are being set up on a geographical basis.

I want to thank the Acting Grand Commander for his fine support of our modern Membership in spite of the opposition of some who want to continue to do things the same way they were done twenty-years ago. I hope that those who believe in old-fashioned Membership methods will carefully read the excellent pamphlet put out by the Committee on Membership of the Grand Encampment entitled "Building Templar Manpower," especially page 4. I am in complete accord with this excellent brochure and urge every Commander, Membership Chairman and Committeeman and every Recorder to read it. It has excellent articles on organization, planning, selecting Membership teams, and getting candidates, as well as on minimizing suspensions and dimits an obtaining reinstatements.

I also want to thank that outstanding Grand Recorder, Rt. Em. George A. Weeks for his invaluable assistance and encouragement. We are very fortunate to have a man of his high caliber in his position, and he does a tremendous job for Templary in all its aspects.

In closing, Sir Knight, we now have a job to do. You no longer can do a poor job in getting candidates and receive a Ten Minus. We must reverse the trend of membership losses of the past three years. I believe that we will no longer need to wait for the Council to finish its Degrees, and we should go into both the Chapters and Blue Lodges and ask our brother Masons to join. We have a great deal to share with them, so let us all go to work, and tell them "FOR MORE LIGHT, GO YORK RITE."

Courteously yours,

JAMES C. BAYLEY,
Chairman of Membership.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

October 8, 1963

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery, K. T., of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations wishes to report that no business requiring its attention has been presented for its consideration in 1962-1963.

Courteously submitted,

HAROLD S. CROCKER

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

Boston, Mass., October 8, 1963

Sir Knights:

Your Printing Committee, as in previous years, requested quotations for printing the 1962 Proceedings and we are pleased to report, that with the co-operation of the Mitchell-Fleming Printing Company we were able to have 275 copies printed at a saving of approximately $50.00. We will make every effort to keep the printing of our 1963 Proceedings within the budget figure as submitted by the Finance Committee. The printing of the due cards was a problem. We changed our printers which necessitated some additional expense but we were able to reduce the cost approixmately $25.00.

We recommend that only the essence of long discussions or speeches be printed in the Proceedings, as full transcriptions are bound and on file in Grand Commandery Office.

Courteously submitted,

LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN
GEORGE A. WEEKS

REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

Boston, Mass., October 8, 1963

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery, K. T., of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

This is the year of the Triennial to be held August 22nd to 27th in Philadelphia. This, undoubtedly, will be the nearest Triennial we will have an opportunity to attend for many years to come. I believe that all work and no play makes "Jack a dull boy," therefore, we should stress hard work to build our Commanderies and hold out for the cake or frosting a triumphant journey to Philadelphia as a fitting climax to a successful year.

In the past, at Triennial, side trips have been arranged by Grand Commanders that have not been enjoyed by too many because of cost. I am planning for the Sir Knights a trip to Philadelphia by bus with suitable accommodations for Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and possibly, Tuesday in Philadelphia. From there they will journey to the World's Fair in New York for Wednesday and Thursday returning Friday to New England. We are planning this as a bus trip and it will be as economical as we can make it. Therefore, I ask you Sir Knight to put aside that week for the Triennial and World's fair—August 22, 1964 to August 27, 1964. You have ample time to arrange your vacations accordingly.

Courteously submitted,

LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN, *Chiarman*
Triennial Committee

REPORT OF THE TACTICS COMMITTEE

Boston, Mass., October 8, 1963

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery, K. T., of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

There have been no changes made in the Tactics since the new books were issued. We are pleased to report that all Commanderies are now using the new books and we find a great improvement in the Tactical work.

Courteously submitted,

HAROLD S. CROCKER
GEORGE A. WEEKS
FRANKLIN H. MICHELSEN

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE PROMOTION

October 8, 1963

Sir Knights:

Your members met with the committees appointed by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, under direction of Most Excellent Stanley F. Maxwell, Grand High Priest.

It was decided to publish another issue of "Light of the York Rite." This issue contained a message from our Grand Commander entitled "What is Templary." The Grand Commandery had a limited supply of Petitions printed for all three bodies at no expense to the Grand Chapter or Grand Council.

Courteously submitted,

FRANK H. WILSON
CLARENCE E. BOOTH
GEORGE A. WEEKS

At the Annual Conclave held last year, the question arose regarding the plural form "Knights Templars" and the Grand Recorder was asked to furnish an explanation. In order that I can report from the records, I refer to the Proceedings of the One Hundred and Twelfth Semi-annual Conclave held in the city of Providence on May 29, 1918 where we find the following:

"E. Sir Charles E. Pierce, of St. Omer Commandery, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, The plural form, "Knights Templars," is now and ever has been used as a part of its title since its organization in 1805, by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and

Whereas, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, of which this Grand Commandery was one of the founders in 1816, having been organized as "Knights Templars" and retained said phrase as a part of its title for forty years, now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Representatives of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island attending the Thirty-fourth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., in September, 1919, be and are hereby directed to use their best efforts to cause the plural form "Knights Templars" to be adopted as a part of the title of the Grand Encampment.

Failing in so doing, the said Representatives are directed to labor to preserve the plural form, "Knights Templars," as a part of the title of his Grand Commandery."

This was unanimously adopted and the name was preserved.

GEORGE A. WEEKS

October 8, 1963

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Fifty Commanderies held their inspections this year with 24 earning a mark of 10—, compared to 27 last year. 15 a mark of 9+, compared to 13 last year. 9 a mark of 9, 1 a mark of 9— and 1 a mark of 8+.

This year two Commanders, St. John's and Thomas Smith Webb did their work without the loss of a point. The Commanders of Calvary and Haverhill lost only 1 point. 19 other Commanders lost less than 10 points.

The Commanderies lost 5 to 150 points for a total of 2179 points or 43.58 points per Commandery. This compares with a loss of 36.38 points last year.

The highest mark was 995 earned by Thomas Smith Webb Commandery.

Four Exemplifications were held this year. The first at St. John's Commandery No. 1, Providence on November 3rd with Sir Knight Karsten H. Sandmo, Eminent Commander 6th Division in charge. The second at St. Andrew Commandery No. 49, Holyoke on December 1st with Sir Knight Josef Rais, Eminent Commander 7th Division in charge. The third at Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20, Melrose on January 5th with Sir Knight George C. Patton, Jr., Eminent Grand Junior Warden in charge. And the fourth at Sir Galahad Commandery No. 52, Waltham on February 9th with Sir Knight Norman L. Staveley, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer in charge. 36 Commanders attended their required exemplification. More than 250 Sir Knights attended the four exemplifications.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Exemplification Team and the Marking Officers for the fine work they performed during the year.

Courteously yours,

THOMAS C. BROWN,
Inspector Instructor.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP PROGRESS

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery, K. T., of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

In 1963 our Grand Commandery sustained a net loss in membership for the third successive year. Final figures show 14,663 members at the end of the year reflecting a loss of 254 members. The principal cause was a substantial decline in new admissions which were only 385 compared with a preceding ten year average of 673.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES—FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Knighted	385	635	594	678	695
Affiliated	23	21	25	31	27
Reinstated	15	13	13	15	17
Errors	1	1			
Gross Additions	424	670	632	724	739
Deaths	431	474	433	433	444
Demits	114	150	129	149	120
Suspensions	131	123	116	110	90
Errors	2	7	12	12	
Gross Terminations	678	754	690	704	654
Net Gain	(254)	(84)	(58)	20	85
Percent Change	(1.70%)	(.56%)	(.32%)	.13%	.57%

Net Membership Changes

Nine Commanderies had net gains in membership totaling 53 members, one Commandery had no change and forty Commanderies had net losses totaling 307 members.

Natick Commandery led in net membership gain with an increase of 13, Coeur de Lion was second with a gain of 9 and Berkshire and Sir Galahad Commanderies shared third place with a gain of 8 members each.

On the negative side Boston Commandery sustained a net loss of 42 members, followed by St. John's and Holy Sepulchre Commanderies with losses of 22 and 19 respectively.

Deaths, Demits and Suspensions

The number of deaths was in line with the average of the preceding ten years, demits were slightly lower than the average, but suspensions exceeded the average and were the highest for many years.

Affiliations and Reinstatements

Affiliations and reinstatements produced 38 new members. As mentioned before I believe that more members can be obtained from these sources by proper approach and follow-up.

Petitions

We obtained only 452 petitions in 1963. Only four Commanderies equaled or exceeded their petition quotas. Natick Commandery obtained 147% of its petition quota. South Shore Commandery was in second place with 130% of quota, followed by Coeur de Lion with 103% and Northampton with 100% of their respective quotas.

DeMolay Commandery led in number of petitions recorded with a total of 30. Natick Commandery was in second place with 28, followed by Coeur de Lion Commandery with 27 petitions.

Through the cooperation of our Grand Recorder use was made of the columns of The Templar to urge membership activity and publicize our membership progress during the year.

Courteously submitted,

J. Leroy Jones, *Director*
Membership Progress

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Boston, Mass., October 8, 1963

To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery K. T.

Sir Knights:

Your Grand Commandery Committee has now served five years.

Since our last report one year ago, 12 of our Commanderies have had 22 cases. Authorization was made in 15 of these cases in the total amount of $6,713.00. The detail follows:

Case No.	*Commandery*	*Location*	*Disposition*		*Date*
5175	St. Omer No. 21	Boston	Authorized	$248	10- 3-62
6234	Narragansett No. 27	Westerly, R.I.	Authorized	230	12- 7-62
5239			Cancelled, patient dec'd		
			Closed, surgery before Authorization		10-25-62
5474	Newburyport No. 3	Newburyport	Authorized	435	1- 4-63
5511	St. Bernard No. 12	Boston	Closed, Incomplete Information		6-18-63
5525	Calvary No. 13	E. Providence, R.I.	Authorized	895	1-25-63
5720	Calvary No. 13	E. Providence, R.I.	Authorized	435	3-14-63
5747	St. Omer No. 21	Boston	Authorized	430	3-21-63
5756	Pilgrim No. 9	Lowell	Closed, not Eligible		3-14-63
5894	St. Omer No. 21	Dorchester	Authorized	710	5-14-63
5906	Haverhill No. 14	Haverhill	Authorized	280	5- 2-63
5930	Worcester Cc. No. 5	Worcester	Authorized	435	5- 3-63
5949	Sutton No. 16	New Bedford	Closed, cross eyes		6-20-63
5996	Berkshire No. 22	Pittsfield	Closed, No surgery		9-13-63
6030	Godfrey de Bouillon No. 25	Fall River	Authorized	460	5-28-63
6081	St. Omer No. 21	Boston	Authorized	500	6-17-63
6102	St. Omer No. 21	Boston	Authorized	390	6-10-63
6213	Holy Sepulchre No. 8	Pawtucket, R.I.	Pending		
6292	Calvary No. 12	E. Providence, R.I.	Authorized	910	8- 1-63
6333	Haverhill No. 14	Haverhill	Authorized	280	8-21-63
6382			Closed, refused because outside U.S.A.		8-29-63
6447	St. Omer No. 21	Boston	Authorized	75	9-13-63

In Massachusetts and Rhode Island we have had 82 cases in these 5 years and from 30 of our 50 Commanderies. The total amount of money authorized for these 82 cases amounts to $21,815.95.

For Grand Encampment throughout the country 6,497 cases have been processed to date and the total amount spent for these cases amounts to $1,778,792.96.

The total number of Life Sponsors throughout the country is 2,095. In Mass. and R. I. we have only 39. On a

per capita basis we should have twice as many Life Sponsors as we have now to keep up with the National Average.

Knights Templar may purchase a certificate as a Life Sponsor upon the payment of $30.00 in a lump sum. This exempts him from any further assessment to The K. T. Eye Foundation. It is also tax deductible on your Federal Income Tax Report.

The Executive Director of The K.T.E.F. has urged that a special effort be made to increase the number of Life Sponsors to enable them to assist more people for surgery and hospitalization than the $1.00 per year contribution permits.

The Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America at its Triennial Conclave held in Cleveland, August, 1961, adopted an amendment to Section 18½ of the Constitution, authorizing a Knight Templar to purchase a Certificate as a Life Sponsor in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., upon the payment of THIRTY DOLLARS ($30.00) in a lump sum which will exempt his Grand Commandery and thereby himself of any further assessment to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. It is tax deductible.

The thought occurred that perhaps the Sir Knight as well as other Sir Knights whom he may know, both in or out of his own Commandery might be interested in assisting the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. to greatly increase its present income, now derived from assessmnts, and thereby help to possibly avoid, or at least delay in the establishing of a Waiting List of applicants in need of Surgery and/or Hospitalization.

The money derived from Life Sponsors is being deposited in a Life Sponsors Fund and would be available only for Surgery and Hospitalization if as needed and as directed by the Trustees of the Foundation.

Application together with check for Thirty Dollars ($30.00) made payable to Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. should be sent directly to that office. A Life Sponsor Certificate (card) together with receipt will be issued.

It is of interest to note that many Sir Knights have become Life Sponsors who are in an age bracket that normally one would not expect to become Life Sponsors. It shows their interest and cooperation in our Great Humanitarian Charity.

Two copies of the Receipt will be sent to the Grand Recorder of the Jurisdiction concerned, the Duplicate for his file and information, and the Triplicate copy to be forwarded to the Commandery of which applicant is a member.

Only a Knight Templar can become a Life Sponsor.

Courteously submitted,

FRANK H. WILSON

It was regularly moved and seconded that the foregoing reports be accepted, recommendations adopted and printed in the Proceedings. Vote unanimously.

NOTE—During the Conclave the following guests were introduced, and each spoke briefly bringing the greetings of their respective Bodies:

Illustrious Norris B. Abbott, Deputy for Rhode Island of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

R. E. Sir Guy Irving Robb, Department Commander, Northeastern Division of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.

Most Illustrious Waldo I, Powell, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts and Most Illustrious Edwin O. Wilbur, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island.

Most Excellent Stanley F. Maxwell, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts and Most Excellent George H. Ostrander, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island.

Illustrious James C. Bayley, Past Potentate of Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. representing Illustrious Herbert N. Faulkner, Potentate of Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

R. E. Sir Lloyd E. Jones, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of New Hampshire responded for all the presiding Grand Commanders bringing the Greetings of their respective Grand Commanderies.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, it is indeed a great pleasure for me as the Acting Grand Commander to introduce to you a man who has so many titles that this page would hardly hold them all. Last night my good wife in trying to introduce this gentleman walked up to him and said, "While he has a lot of titles I do know he is a terrific man and a marvelous man and a great worker for Templary." Sir Knights, I give you Sir Knight George Wilbur Bell, the R. E. Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America and the personal representative of our Grand Master Paul Miller Moore.

R. E. SIR GEORGE WILBUR BELL:

Sir Knights:

R. E. Grand Commander, M. W. Grand Masters, R. E. Department Commander, distinguished guests and Sir Knights all. Really it is a great pleasure to be here and I am very happy to have been introduced in that manner. Truthfully I think that the highest title that ever came to a Brother of the Masonic Order was that of being called a Sir Knight. Each of you have had that title and I am certainly appreciative of that and I hope that you are.

It is a great honor to be here attending this fine old historic Grand Commandery and to be a representative of our M. E. Grand Master Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore who is indeed an added attraction. So on behalf of him and the other Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Wilbur Brucker, Sir Knight John Crofts and myself, I bring you greetings.

Our M. E. Grand Master this last Triennium is one of the finest Christian gentlemen it has ever been my pleasure or privilege to know. He is well aware of the possibilities of Templary. He is well aware of those things which tend to pull down Templary. With these things in mind he has asked his representatives to speak to you about progress, about the past and, yes, the future of Templary.

As I have been thinking of the One Hundred Sixtieth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery and of those fine Christian gentlemen who have preceded you in office and of the legends and historic things that they have left for you, you are following in their footsteps and I wonder if we in the next one hundred sixty years are going to leave the records which our forefathers left for us.

The Grand Encampment is indeed grateful to the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for you have given leadership to Grand Encampment. You have furnished us four Grand Masters of Grand Encampment, the last of which is Sir Knight Pollard. Many man of this Grand Commandery have held other offices in Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Weeks, your Grand Recorder, has made great contributions to Templary in his position as Chairman of the Activities Committee. George, we thank you for your contributions. I know that you Sir Knights are appreciative of his efforts in the Templar Magazine.

We also have another magazine which I hope you have seen as you came in, the Knights Templar Magazine, which is the official organ of the Grand Encampment. It is a means for communication from the Grand Encampment to the constituent Commanderies. It is a means for communication from Boston to San Francisco, to Los Angeles, from the North to the South and the East to the West. We feel

that you need the Knights Templar Magazine and we need your subscription because a well informed Knight Templar is a better Knight Templar. Certainly it is not in any way a competitive magazine with the Templar.

A survey has been made throughout the United States on those States who have their own publications and we find that the Knights Templar Magazine is being responded to more readily by those Master Masons and those Brethren who are accustomed to reading Masonic literature.

Certainly I want to congratulate you on all of your efforts but I would like to tell you a little story of the little banty rooster who had his flock around him at all times but on one occasion he wandered away from that flock and wandered out back of the barnyard and ran across a huge ostrich egg. The little banty rooster ran around and around the egg with admiration. He ran back to the flock of hens and led them back of the barn. He said, "I want you to look at this egg. Now I am not complaining, understand, but I just want to tell you what other people are doing."

Now I am that way here with you just a little bit. Certainly all of us are not appreciative of a loss in membership but about two weeks ago I was down in Orlando, Florida, to the last Astronaut Class. They had an Astronaut Class and I imagine that many of you have read about that. They had two weeks to prepare for it. One of the Astronauts, Gordon Cooper, asked to be created a Knight Templar. So they decided to create a class around him and they Knighted around two hundred. That was sometime ago before he made his historic flight.

A short time ago one of the Astronauts wanted to become a member of the York Rite, Grissom. They had a little more time to develop that class and about two weeks ago I saw a class of 402 knighted in one day, all of this York Rite, the Chapter, the Council and the Commandery. It was done in a dignified manner, a manner in which every man who was a member of that class was proud to be called a Sir Knight.

Those are the things. We must change with the times. If you Sir Knights who are here representatives from your Commanderies sit and listen to the fine reports which have passed, to the addresses of our M. W. Grand Masters, each of whom mentioned the cornerstone layings, and the image of which you place in the eyes of those who are not initiated, if we listen to those and do nothing we have certainly missed an opportunity, for certainly both of them gave us some thoughts and some ideas which we should present before our Brethren. I hope that the image which we leave

in front of our Masonic Brethren, the uninitiated, yes, the DeMolay as a youth organization, is that of a Christian image because we are the Christian branch of Freemasonry. Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar.

I am thinking of the fine report which we heard by Sir Knight Wilson on the Eye Foundation and I doubt not that all of us are proud to have had a part in bringing light to those who would be in darkness. I know you people of Massachusetts are indeed fortunate to have had an opportunity to have brought sight to that young child from across the sea. I know that young man and his mother and father from the pictures that I have seen will be forever grateful to you. That is only one case from over 6,000 cases where they see through the eyes that you have provided.

The Educational Foundation, which has brought an education to over 60,000 young men and young women in this country, I know you are proud of that. I shall tell you a story that happened a short time ago down in Orlando, Florida. A young man stood before a group of Masons. This young man had entered this country at the age of thirteen. He could not speak a word of English but he was taken into a Masonic home. He was educated by this Masonic family and six years later at the age of nineteen he stood before this group of Masons as a young man who had won second place in the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay. He won second place on a subject entitled "Masons are wonderful men." This young man said, "I want to be educated in this country. I want to become a doctor. Then after I became a doctor I want to go back to my home country and I want to take some of the principles, some of the thoughts and some of the ways of life from this wonderful country of yours back to my people and try to repay my debt to them. Then I want to come back to the United States and I want to choose myself a wife and I want to spend the rest of my days in these United States trying to repay some of the courtesies that have been given to me as an immigrant boy."

Think what a great opportunity the Masonic people of today have in bringing this country of ours into a brotherhood. As Lyndon Johnson, the Vice-President of the United States, says, "This country and this world is becoming a neighborhood before it is becoming a brotherhood."

Now I realize that time is getting a little late and I was told over here a time ago that my time was limited and it was dinner time, but I was first told that you were not going to eat until twelve- thirty anyway, so I will

apologize for taking so much of your time but I do want to leave you with this thought. Templary is business. Business is important. But Christian business is more important. It has been said many times that we should be behind our minister six days a week and on that seventh day we should be in front of our ministers. Templary can take the lead in all of Masonry in presenting a Christian image to the public. We can do this with our presence, with our contributions, with our way of life, and certainly we have everything ittakes if we take what we have.

Walter DeLamater said a number of years ago when he was Grand Master that Templary, being a Christian organization, is Christian work. Christ gave His Life for us. Surely we can give a little time to take His Message to our Brethren.

It was mentioned a short time ago on the Triennial in Philadelphia that certainly the men in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania are expecting great things from you Sir Knights of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. We have the parade on Saturday evening, an opportunity for every man to wear his uniform, his plume, proudly down the street, down the Benjamin Franklin Parkway and over on Chestnut Street, down past Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell.

Sir Knights, certainly I can think of no two or three States with a more historic background than that of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania and then that our forefathers, the Masonic men, gave us a freedom for the United States. Let's all get together and parade proudly at the Triennial.

May God grant that each of us will meet again and carry on his work. Thank you.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, I don't know, this is not on the schedule but I would be amiss at this time if I did not again tell you that it would have been impossible, in my opinion, to have this meeting today if it hadn't been for the work that our Grand Recorder has done in picking up the threads from Bill West's passing on so unexpeected and putting it together to this purpose of having a real good meeting. I have always said that we can stand a poor Commander in a Commandery for a year, even two,—my own Commandery probably did—but we can never, never have a successful Commandery without a good Recorder and Treasurer, and in this Grand Commandery it applies just like in my Commandery or in any Commandery in the Jurisdiction. Without a real Recorder and Treasurer we are nowhere. I want to thank you, George, and your good wife and your good office for everything you have done for me and Mrs. Beaudoin.

E. SIR WAYNE E. SOUCEY: R. E. Grand Commander, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present to you Rev. Frank Guliano for the third year for us to make our presentation of the scholarship from the Presiding Council Club. It does me great honor to make this in front of our M. W. Grand Master and distinguished guests. Thank you.

E. Sir, as this happens to be your baby and I happen to be the President of this particular Club I will give you the honor.

E. SIR FRANKLAND W. L. MILES: Thank you, E. Sir, I don't know as it is my baby or yours but the boys who thought up the idea. Three years ago some of us in the Past Commanders thought it might be well if we could do something tangible in the line of our Ritual and follow the Christian precepts in deed as well as word. So we thought of this scholarship that it might grow through the generosity of the Sir Knights and we invite you to contribute. It hasn't got off the ground but it is going along and we hope it will be so we can help more than this one fellow.

How proud we are of this young man. His father is a minister in the Methodist Church in Whitman. He is in his last year in Boston University. He is married and this spring just had an addition to the family. He is preaching up in the little town of Weirs, New Hampshire. We are very proud of him. He whispered in my ear that he really could use this.

Believe me, Frank, we are proud to present this to you but are ashamed that it is so small. God bless you and all of the young men going into the pulpit and preaching the Christian Gospel.

REV. FRANK GULIANO: R. E. Grand Commander and distinguished guests. I have received this award now for three years in a row and each year my appreciation has heightened and my gratefulness has become greater. This is probably the last time that I will receive this award as it is my last year in Seminary. It is not that small, Judge Miles, because it is more than money. It is you men who are willing to support us who try to preach to you the Christian Gospel which you represent in your group. This means a lot and for this I am grateful as well as the financial help. I hope that in years to come that you will choose other men such as myself who are struggling a bit at times through their Seminary career to help. Thank you again.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: I shake your hand with this hand which represents every Sir Knight. Good luck to you and Godspeed.

REV. FRANK GULIANO: Thank you very much, Sir.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, I think we are now ready for new business and I understand from the Grand Recorder we have a little on his desk.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: I have a letter that I received on July 22 which I would like to have in our records. This was written to me as Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Dear Sir Knight George: It was with deep regret that I received the card informing me that Sir Knight William Francis West had passed away on July 15, 1963. I know that his passing will be a loss keenly felt by the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He will be greatly missed by his many friends. The Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment join me in their exprssion of our sympathy to the members of his family and to the Sir Knights of his Commandery.

Courteously and sincerely yours,

PAUL MILLER MOORE,
Grand Master
Grand Encampment K. T., U. S. A.

AMENDMENT

October 7, 1963

From: T. A. BOOTH,
Past Grand Commander

To: RT. EM. GRAND COMMANDER
Officers & Members of Grand Commandery

Subject: Uniforms

In view of the fact that the uniforms of many of our Sir Knights are becoming worn and ill fitting, and because of the fact that many of our Sir Knights object to the present style as being obsolete and because of the fact that many of these uniforms must be replaced in the near future if we are to continue as a uniformed body, I propose the following amendment to the Regulations of this Grand Commandery.

Article designated as Regulation Coat, paragraph designated as collar: Eliminate the last sentence of this paragraph so that the paragraph will read:

Collar.—Standup, not less than one nor more than one and one-half inches in height, to hook in front at the seam, and slope thence up and backward slightly; corner square. Optional. In place of standup collar the coat may be made with roll collar.

Courteously yours,

THOMAS A. BOOTH,
Past Grand Commander

That will take its regular course.

I know that there are other resolutions to come in, or amendments, but this is a resolution, submitted October 8, 1963.

"Resolution. Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island in conclave convened in Boston, Massachusetts, that consideration of certain Sir Knights available for service in the Grand Encampment Line will be made at the Triennial of said Grand Encampment of the United States of America and;"

"Whereas, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island has in the person of one of its R. E. Grand Commanders Sir Knight Clarence E. Booth of Leominster, the type of Templar admirably suited for expansion of the dedication of the Order at its highest echelon;"

"Be it resolved, that in consequence of these merits here enumerated that the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island present the name of Clarence E. Booth to the members of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America in Triennial Conclave convened as a Christian Mason worthy of selection and recognition of Templary to a higher cause;"

"Whereas, the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island at its stated conclave on the eighth day of October, 1963, did adopt a resolution endorsing Sir Knight Clarence E. Booth, Past Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, for consideration of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America in Triennial convened as a Christian Mason worthy of selection for recognition of Templary in a higher call and,"

"Be it further resolved, that copy of this resolution be sent to Paul Miller Moore, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and Sir Knight John Temple Rice, the M. E. Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and other interested Sir Knights as may be determined by the Executive Committee of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island."

R. E. SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE: R. E. Grand Commander, I move the adoption of that resolution. (Motion seconded.)

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: I don't know whether this is in order, Sir Knights, but I think it ought to be by acclamation. Let's all stand up and give him a big hand and all vote for the resolution.

The above resolution was also seconded by the following: R. E. Sir Willard H. Doell, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Maine, R. E. Sir Hugo H. Hertzberg, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Vermont and R. E. Sir Lloyd E. Jones, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of New Hampshire.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R. E. Sir, Sir Knights. You heard earlier in this Conclave of a Committee appointed to handle unfortunate circumstances of one of our constituent Commanderies. After considerable effort George Rowell, who is Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, Bob Wilson and myself, found that there was no provision in our Constitution, Rules or Regulations, Statutes or Laws, of either the Grand Encampment or this Grand Commandery to take such action as might be needed to either an individual or a Commandery. Through George Rowell, who has prepared this amendment to our Constitution, which is endorsed by Bob Wilson as well as myself, I would like to propose this amendment which will come up for a vote a year from now, an amendment to our Constitution, which gives the Commander a right to appoint a Committee and the Committee take whatever action is necessary. I will be happy or unhappy to read these five and a half pages. It may be necessary to read in order that they get on the record.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: It is not necessary. Submit it as a resolution and request that it be printed in the proceedings.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: I so move then. I have given you the meat and the rest is legal. I so move. (Motion seconded.)

October 4, 1963

Mr. Kenneth H. Earle
915 Industrial Bank Building
Providence, Rhode Island

DEAR KEN:

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing herewith a suggested amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution of the Grand Commandery which is in form and, in my opinion, not in conflict with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Encampment.

I have also taken the liberty of sending a copy of this to George Weeks and Bob Wilson so that when we get to the meeting on the 8th, at least we will have something to

propose if it seems desirable.

Sincerely yours in the Faith,
GEORGE B. ROWELL

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

VOTED: To amend the Constitution of the Grand Commandery by inserting after Article XXIII thereof the following:

ARTICLE XXIV

Trials and Commissioners of Trials

Section 1. The Grand Commander is requested annually to appoint a Board of five Past or Present Commanders of Constituent Commanderies, to be styled Commissioners of Trials, but he may in his discretion appoint a Special Board of Commissioners of five Past or Present Commanders for the trial of any given cause. The first-named of said Board shall be the Chairman thereof and three members shall constitute a quorum. A single member may take testimony. In the absence of the Chairman, the Board shall elect a Chairman *pro tempore.*

The Grand Commander is requested to appoint annually a Past Commander of a Commandery to be entitled Judge Advocate and to perform such duties as may be delegated to him by the Grand Commander. The Judge Advocate shall receive for his services, and for necessary expenses, such compensation as the Grand Commander may determine.

Section 2. Whenever any member of Grand Commandery shall be accused of any offense which if proved might subject him to expulsion or suspension from the rights and privileges of Templary, or whenever any Commander of a Constituent Commandery shall be accused of such an offense, or whenever any Past Commander of a Constituent Commandery shall be accused of any such offense constituting official misconduct while serving as such Commander, or whenever any member of a Constituent Commandery shall be accused of any such offense which affects the relationship between the Grand Commandery and the Constituent Commandery of which he is a member or directly affects the proper administration of the Grand Commandery, he shall unless the Grand Commander shall otherwise order or the Grand Commandery otherwise vote, be proceeded against in the premises and the proceedings shall be conducted agreeably to the following rules:

(a) The accusation shall be made in writing with specifications of the offense under the signature of a member of the Grand Commandery and given in charge to the Grand Commander who shall refer the same to the Grand Recorder by whom it shall be transferred to the Chairman or Chairman *pro tempore* of the Board.

(b) The accused shall be served with an attested copy of the charges together with a summons which may be issued by any Commissioner to appear at a time and place to be named in said summons to make such answer to the charges and accusations as he may desire. The summons shall be served upon the accused fourteen days, at least, before the return day thereof. Such appearance may be made in person, before the Chairman or Chairman *pro tempore,* or by filing an answer in writing with said Chairman.

(c) If the residence of the accused be unknown, the Commissioners may proceed to examine the charges and accusation *ex parte;* but if known and out of the Commonwealth, a summons shall be sent him, by mail or otherwise, thirty days, at least, before the time

appointed for his appearance. The service and the return thereof shall be according to regulations to be made by the Commissioners, and, when so made, shall be conclusive.

(d) The examination upon the charge and accustion shall be had at some convenient place and time to be designated by the Commissioners of which due notice shall be given and no visitors shall be admitted except as witness or as counsel or as stenographer for the Commissioners or the accused provided that any such counsel or stenographer shall be a Knight Templar. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commissioners, or by the Grand Commander, the testimony may be taken before the Chairman or Chairman *pro tempore,* or any single member designated by him, but the testimony shall always be reduced to writing as nearly as may be in the language of the witness and preferably by a stenographic reporter. Witnesses, if Masons, shall testify on their honor as such; other witnesses shall be duly sworn before their testimony is taken.

(e) Each Commissioner shall have the power to issue a summons to any member of the Order then being or residing within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery commanding him to appear at said time and place and testify as a witness. A summons may be served by copy delivered in hand or by registered mail, return receipt requested. Witnesses summoned or appearing at the request of the Board or any Commissioner shall be paid their actual necessary traveling expenses.

(f) Any Knight Templar duly authorized may appear as counsel in support of, or in opposition to, the charges during the taking of the testimony and in the argument of the case.

(g) A report of the proceedings and summary of the facts in each case including the findings and recommendation of the Commissioners thereon shall be prepared and signed by the Commissioners acting thereon. Upon the completion of the report, a copy thereof shall be submitted to the accused either by delivering in hand or by certified mail.

The accused may appeal from the decision of the Commissioners within ten days of his having received a copy thereof. Said appeal shall be by a writing addressed to the Commissioners and shall specify any finding of facts made which is objected to by the accused and the grounds of objection. In the event of an appeal, there shall be appended to the report of the Commissioners the appeal and a transcript of so much of the testimony and exhibits received by the Commissioners as relates to any specific finding of fact to which the accused has made objection. Such report together with the appeal and transcript, if any, shall be submitted to the Grand Commander at least seven days before the Conclave of the Grand Commandery at which it is to be presented.

If there is no appeal, the finding and recommendation of the Commissioners as approved shall stand as the Judgment of the Grand Commandery.

(h) If there is an appeal, the accused may claim the right to retrial by the Grand Commandery, including the right to introduce further testimony on any issue upon which he has specified in the appeal that a factual determination made by the Commissioners was erroneous, and shall also have the right to be represented by any counsel who is a Knight Templar whether or not a member of the Grand Commandery. Such trial upon an appeal shall be a trial *de novo* by Grand Commandery except that any finding of fact made by the Commissioners and not objected to by the accused in his appeal shall stand admitted, and the Grand Commandery at the conclusion thereof shall make its decision as to whether or not an offense was committed and adjudge an appropriate punishment.

Section 3. The Commissioners shall receive for their services and for necessary expenses in each case, such compensation as the Grand

Commander shall determine and allow upon the certificate of the Commissioners.

Section 4. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent the Grand Commandery from taking original jurisdiction in any case and proceeding in which a right of action or a query is given to it and any case affecting or challenging the integrity or organization of the Grand Commandery shall be deemed to be such a case. In taking jurisdiction in any such matter, the Grand Commandery may proceed according to any method which it may adopt provided however that no action shall be taken against any Knight Templar or other member of the Order whose address is known without reasonable notice to him and an opportunity to appear and be heard in person or by Masonic counsel.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Has any Sir Knight anything he would like to offer for the good of the Order? If not, we will adjourn to the banquet hall.

(The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island recessed its Annual Conclave for lunch at 12:30 P. M. and convened at 2:30 P. M.)

LUNCH

2:30 P. M.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, you will kindly take your stations and we will proceed with the unfinished business of this meeting.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: Right Eminent Sir.

This brings us up to the election of the Board of Directors of Grand Commandery Knights Templar, Inc.

Under the laws of the State Board of Taxation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"If you are incorporated under the rules you must have a meeting of the corporation prior to the election of the Grand Commandery Officers."

Under Article IX, Section 2, of the By-laws it provides that a regular meeting of the Board of Directors, plural, shall be held in conjunction with each Annual Conclave and without further notice. The Board of Directors to be elected—and there is no question—shall be Grand Commander and President, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Clerk, and the Board of Directors. It amounts to Nineteen on the Board. That has been reported to the State House. The State Board requires that prior to the election we shall have an election of the Board of Directors.

At your request this ballot was mailed out to the nineteen Directors. You have nineteen replies all signed by each one. So according to that the Board of Directors are elected without further notice.

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.

Boston, Mass., September 23, 1963

Sir Knights:

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation and election of the Board of Directors of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar, Inc., will be held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston, on:

TUESDAY—October 8, 1963, 2:30 P. M. or immediately preceding the Election of the Grand Commandery Officers.

Courteously yours,

LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN,
Acting President and Grand Commander

Attest: GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Clerk.*

Article IX, Section 2, provides that "A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in conjunction with each Annual Conclave and without further notice."

The Board of Directors to be elected shall be: Grand Commander and President, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Clerk.

Harold W. Sprague, Frank H. Wilson, Harold S. Crocker, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Kenneth H. Earle, Mortimer W. Schroeder, Thomas A. Booth, Dwight C. Page, Alfred C. Blake, Elliot N. Holley, Whitfield W. Johnson, Raymond D. Douglass and George B. Rowell.

If you are in accord with the above nominations, will you please sign and return at once to the Grand Recorder.

Note: This Ballot is sent to you at this time to expedite the business at the Annual Conclave.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS—The Officers elected were as follows:

LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN.....Grand Commander and President
RUSSELL R. LONG.....Deputy Grand Commander
G. BURTON LONG.....Grand Generalissimo
GEORGE C. PATTON, JR.....Grand Captain General
CLARENCE E. BOOTH.....Grand Treasurer
GEORGE A. WEEKS....Grand Recorder and Clerk of the Corp.

DIRECTORS: Harold W. Sprague, Frank H. Wilson, Harold S. Crocker, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Kenneth H. Earle, Mortimer W. Schroeder, Thomas A. Booth, Dwight C. Page, Alfred C. Blake, Elliott N. Holley, Raymond D. Douglass, Whitfield W. Johnson, and George B. Rowell.

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned. A True Record.

Attest: GEORGE A. WEEKS, Clerk.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Next order of business.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: You might request that Saunders W. Spooner be brought to the East.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knight Captain of the Guard, will you present the Grand Warder to the East.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: Saunders, it seems like everything that has been done today has been done with memories of one who has passed and gone. You have served William Francis West for a number of years. It was his request that a certain jewel of a personal friend of his, who was a Past Grand Warder who originally came out of Rhode Island, be fixed up to be presented to you. That has been done and you will find that on the back is engraved on the plate the original holder of that jewel, which was the request of Bill. He requested that I present you with this jewel in Grand Commandery today. He would like to have been present and done it himself but that is impossible.

Now I think the R. E. Grand Commander has something to say.

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: Saunders, it is too bad that Bill isn't here to give you these shoulder straps but for Bill I present them to you.

E. SIR SAUNDERS W. SPOONER: Thank you very much.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: R. E. Grand Commander, I have been requested by the ladies who belong to the Past Grand Commanders' Wives' Association to inform you that at their meeting held this morning they voted $150, which includes $110 from their treasury, $40 from Mrs. William Francis West, to go to the Eye Foundation in memory of William Francis West.

E. SIR MARTIN E. BARRETT: R. E. Grand Commander, as the last duty before you retire, as is customary, I so move that all acts of the Officers and Committees of this Grand Commandery for the fiscal year 1962-1963 be ratified and approved. (Motion seconded.)

THE ACTING GRAND COMMANDER: All in favor signify by the sword arm. Opposed, the bridle arm. So voted.

Sir Knights:

In conformity with ARTICLE VIII, Section 2B—
"To appoint all Committees and all Officers not made elective, and to fill all vacancies, such appointments to serve during his pleasure or until their successors have been elected and installed."

I have appointed the following NOMINATION COMMITTEE—

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE, Chairman
R. E. SIR THOMAS A. BOOTH
R. E. SIR DWIGHT C. PAGE
R. E. SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE
R. E. SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER

Sir Knights, at this time we have election of Officers of the Grand Commandery and I would like Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. to take the Chair in the East, he will be assisted by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Kenneth H. Earle.

(R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., now presiding.)

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: Action now comes on the matter of the report of the Nominating Committee following a precedent established a year or so ago and the Chair recognizes R. E. Sir Kenneth Earle.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R. E. Sir, it is a pleasure for me as Chairman of this Committee to place in nomination the name of Louis A. Beaudoin, Past Commander of Gethsemane Commandery, who has been Acting Grand Commander for the past few months, as Grand Commander for this Grand Commandery. Sir, I move that the rules be waived and he be elected by acclamation. (Motion seconded.)

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: That requires a unanimous vote. All those in favor. Those opposed. It is a unanimous vote and V. E. Sir Louis A. Beaudoin has become R. E. Sir, after he has been installed, of this Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Will you take proper escort and ascertain if he will accede.

(The Escort and Committee returned escorting the Acting Grand Commander.)

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: There is some confusion, Louis, as to whether you would be interested in accepting your unanimous election as R. E. Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Would you place our doubts and fears at rest.

V. E. SIR LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN: I will accept. Thank you.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R. E. Sir, I would like to place in nomination for Deputy Grand Commander, E. Sir Russell R. Long, Past Commander of Olivet Commandery. I move that the rules again be waived and that he be elected by acclamation.

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: Sir Knights, you have heard the report of the Nominating Committee with reference to this position in line. It requires a unani-

mous vote that the rules be suspended and that further nominations be dispensed with. All in favor of the motion will do so in the usual Templar manner. All those opposed. It is a unanimous vote.

E. SIR RUSSELL R. LONG: I accept, Sir.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R. E. Sir, it is again a pleasure to place in nomination Sir Knight G. Burton Long, Past Commander of Reading Commandery, as Grand Generalissimo. I again move the rules be waived and the election be by acclamation. (Motion seconded.)

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: You have heard the motion. Again all those in favor signify in the usual Templar manner. Those opposed.

I will ask the second Long if he will accept.

E. SIR G. BURTON LONGS I will accept with great pleasure, Sir, and I pledge my year to Templary and to you.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R. E. Sir, for the office of E. Grand Captain General I would like to place the name of Sir Knight George C. Patton, Jr., Past Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery, in nomination and move for acclamation.

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: R. E. Sir, for the purpose of making a nomination myself I would ask that you assume the Chair.

(R. E. Sir Kenneth H. Earle presiding.)

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: R. E. Sir and Sir Knights and R. E. Sirs. At the outset may I state that the nomination I am about to make I have no personal axe to grind. I have solicited no votes for any candidate and I purposely did not attend the luncheon but returned to Court that in order when I did speak this afternoon I would speak for a principle rather than an individual. The proposal I am about to make is not my brain child. The suggestion originally emanated from a Past Commander of Haverhill Commandery but I too am greatly disturbed by the startling downward trend in Templar membership and I hope you are. Our net loss of 254 in 1963 was the third consecutive year of net loss since 1959 and it was the largest net loss in some twenty years. Forty-six more Templars died last year than were Knighted in Massachusett and Rhode Island.

There is another fact perhaps even more startling. As of June 1950 there were 264 more Knights Templars in Massachusetts than 32° Masons. Twelve years later as of August 1962 there were 5,386 less Knights Templars in Massachusetts than 32° Masons, a difference of some 5,600 in a period of twelve years. And I ask you what is wrong with that? And I ask you what are we going to do about it?

I say one crying need is the need for vigorous, active and aggressive leadership. We have had and we still have a number of most distinguished Sir Knights in our Grand Commandery line but I for one believe that we need new blood and live wire blood and we need it fast.

In my humble opinion Templary suffered a most severe loss in the death of Herman Charles McStay. Some of his ideas were not always unanimously approved but at least he had ideas and he had plans and I know he intended to try to lift Templary up out of the twilight zone. Herman McStay is gone but I still think the time has come to meet this issue head on.

I believe there is one step we can take to partly recompense for the McStay loss. I would like to see strong new blood in his place in the office of Grand Captain General. It may be argued that the present Line should not be held back and I say in answer to that that stopping the slow death of Templary in this Jurisdiction is a lot more important than any individual or any individuals. My second answer is that the present line will not be held back for, as a matter of fact, most of the present Line has already been accelerated. In 1960 by the dropping of E. Sir Machon all Officers below him moved two spots. This year due to the untimely death of E. Sir Herman McStay all of these Officers will move the usual one step in any event.

I want to offer a candidate for election to the office of Grand Captain General. Why for that particular office? Because with all due respect to our Grand Commandery Line there might be some weak spots. I do so because it is the logical spot. It is the spot where elective office now starts in the Grand Encampment. I don't want to disturb our present Council and it is the spot that E. Sir Herman McStay would have filled. I want to see injected into our Grand Commandery Line as new life blood right now a Sir Knight who will buttress the Line near the top, bringing qualities of aggressive leadership, outstanding qualities of executive experience, proved ability, and this is important, as a public speaker and a name that will command attention. This Sir Knight served two years as Worshipful Master of Loyalty Lodge, increasing the membership some fifty per cent. Under his leadership as E. Commander his Commandery in one year produced seventy applications. He is a Past Grand Chancelor of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of this State and a Past Grand Representative of that Order. He served not only as Past Grand Patron of the Eastern Star but as M. W. Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter with its nearly three million members, and I am not a member. He is Past President of

the Presiding Council Club and present Vice-President of our Past Commanders Association. For years he rendered distinguished service as Judge of the Roxbury Court. He is now leader of the Tremont Temple Baptist Church Brotherhood. For years he has been one of the best known and, believe me, one of the most effective public speakers anywhere in all New England.

You may say that he is a good man and he would be a real asset and that we need that caliber leadership but why not start him with an appointment down at the bottom of the Line? And my answer to that again is because Templary in this area needs a blood transfusion fast near the top now, not eight or nine years from now when our Grand Commandery can be just a memory. We should take this matter in our own hands now, Sir Knights. Let's face it this afternoon. Let's agree that we need some effective articulate speakers in the Grand Commandery Line, some names that mean something in New England, some early prospect of aggressive, effective leadership, not by an appointment that will not become really effective until a lot more of us are dead but now.

So I give you the name of E. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles for the office of Grand Captain General. If you are satisfied with things as they are, don't vote. If you are not disturbed by three successive years of membership losses, don't vote for him. If you don't believe we need some men who can effectively preach the gospel of Templary, don't vote for him. But if you believe, as I do with all my heart, that the time has arrived when we have got to get out of a rut and really wake up and do what we can today to fill Herman McStay's spot and the rest of the Line can still move forward the usual one step, so I give you the name of E. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles for this office. (Motion seconded.)

R. E. Sir Alfred C. Blake: R. E. Sir, I rise for the purpose of seconding the nomination of George C. Patton, Jr. I think most of you will realize that as a Past Commander of Boston Commandery I am in a somewhat difficult postion. On the other hand, George C. Patton, Jr. was my appointment. I appointed him five years ago today and I think I would be most derelict in my duty if I did not rise to second his nomination. Otherwise, if I sat idly on the sidelines it would indicate that I had a lack of confidence in George and his ability, which is not a fact. I both admire him and respect him.

Now when I say that he was my appointment that is not exactly adequate because in June of 1958 when it seemed at least possible if nothing happened that I might

be elected Grand Commander the following October I called a meeting of the Council Officers at my home to discuss the plans which I had in mind for the coming year. At that meeting were Clarence Booth, Elliott Holley, Ray Douglass, Ray Hall. We also had my very good friend Herman C. McStay who was then my Deputy Grand Warder and if my memory serves me right my Inspector Instructor Tom Brown was there as well.

Now in common with most men who expect to take office as Grand Commander I had certain ideas and I thought instead of trying to spring them at the Conclave as soon as elected I would get my Council Officers together and talk over my plans and ideas with them to see if they thought well of them, go along with me or otherwise. So we discussed various things and finally I said, "I think it would be a very nice thing to get a sort of the sense of the meeting vote as to who my appointment at the bottom of the Line would be." I said, "I don't suggest that this would be binding on me. I intend to exercise my own prerogative and will but I would like to point out whom you boys think would be good candidates."

I should state right here and now before I forget that at this meeting I asked Herman Charles McStay to take the job and all there present were in favor of his doing so, and I say it with all respect to you, George. But Herman decided, no, that he wouldn't take it, that he would have no part of it. So then we went through the Red Book. We wen through the eligible candidates from every single Commandery in this Jurisdiction, all fifty of them, eliminating of course the Commanderies by mutual consent who already had somebody in Line as Division Commanders. After we had talked at considerable length and discussed we wound up with perhaps six or seven names. We devised a system of voting.

We gave one man number one, another man number two, another man number three, and so on. Slips of paper were passed out to all those present and McStay and Tom Brown voted as well because it was purely a sense of the meeting vote. Those voting, and I didn't vote, put down, let's say, number two man as a number one choice, number five man as number two choice, and so on. When the ballots were collected I didn't know who voted for whom and I still don't, nor do I care. That was a secret ballot if there ever was one. Those ballots were not inspected until our guests had gone home and on inspection I was astounded—and again with all respects to George Patton—that he had an overwhelming majority and there were some very good boys in the list of candidates. So I felt rightly

or wrongly that that was somewhat of a mandate to me and I appointed George C. Patton, Jr. in line.

Now he has served the Grand Commandery well and faithfully for five years. Any Past Grand Commander will agree, I am sure, that there is nothing like experience to fit a Grand Commander for the spot which he assumes when he steps into the East. Now I am told by people who know better than I that George is one of the hardest workers in the Grand Commandery Line. I am sure that that is a fact. You boys all know him, I think, and you can form your own opinion as to whether that statement is correct or not.

Shortly after I was installed you will all recall we lost Raymond Hall. So we had to have a special Conclave and a special election. So we held one at Pawtucket and then I had another appointment to make. So this time Herman McStay went to lunch with me. I had a long talk with him. Finally he agreed to take an appointment in Line which, needless to say, pleased me a great deal and I am sure pleased everybody else in Boston Commandery just as much. Then I went to George Patton and said, "George, you see the dilemma I am in. Mack has agreed to go in line and would you mind if I put him in the Division ahead of you?" George said, "No, go right ahead. I am perfectly satisfied." So Mack was appointed and served, you know how well, for years. There may have been some people closer to McStay than I but I don't think there was anyone in this Grand Commandery who felt his loss as keenly or acutely as I did.

Now there is a situation, Sir Knights. George C. Patton, Jr. has served you well and faithfully. His experience justifies him for this promotion and I hope that you will give it to him.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: E. Grand Warder, kindly notify the Sentinel that we are going to take a secret ballot and nobody eligible to vote will be admitted until it is over.

I am going to ask two R. E. Grand Commanders if they will help me in this work.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: Will all the members entitled to vote in this Grand Commandery rise to be counted.

(The Grand Commanders of New Hampshire and Vermont counted the eligible votes.)

R. E. SIR LLOYD E. JONES: R. E. Sir, we find 178 standing.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: Sir Knights, you may be seated.

Gentlemen, before you are asked to vote I think you might well know who you are voting for. Will E. Sir Patton please rise. This is the man who has been in Line for four or five years. Will E. Sir Miles please stand out where he might be seen. Over here. Thank you, gentlemen.

(Ballots were distributed and cast.)

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: Has everybody voted who wishes? If so, I declare the ballot closed.

(Ballots counted.)

R. E. SIR LLOYD E. JONES: R. E. Sir, we are ready to report. 178 voted. 142 for George C. Patton, Jr. and 36 for Frankland W. L. Miles.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: May I thank you both for your accomplished work.

E. SIR FRANKLAND W. L. MILES: R. E. Grand Commander, might I say thank you for those who voted for me and say that I trust that everybody will work for George because I too love him and I rise to make his election unanimous.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: E. Sir Patton, do you accept?

E. SIR GEORGE C. PATTON, JR.: I do and thank you.

(R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. now presiding.)

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: On my return to the Chair may I echo the comments of Judge Miles and I too would wish the greatest success to E. Sir Patton for whom personally I have only the highest regard.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R. E. Sir, I present the nomination of Clarence E. Booth for Treasurer of the Grand Commandery and move that he be elected by acclamation, waiving the rules. (Motion seconded.)

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: you have heard the motion. Those in favor signify in the usual Templar manner. Those opposed.

Is R. E. Sir Booth present? Do you accept?

R. E. SIR CLARENCE E. BOOTH: Right here and thank you, Sir.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R. E. Sir, I present the nomination of Sir Knight George A. Weeks for Grand Recorder and also move that the rules be waived and that he be elected by acclamation. (Motion seconded.)

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: You have heard the report. All in favor signify in the usual Templar manner. All those opposed. George, do you accept?

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: I do.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R. E. Sir, I present the nomination of Archibald Meikle to succeed himself as Trustee of the Grand Fund for three years and move that

the rules be waived and that he be elected by acclamation. (Mation seconded.)

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: You have heard the motion made for Trustee of the Grand Fund of Archibald Meikle to succeed himself. All those in favor signify in the usual Templar manner. Those opposed. Does he accept?

He does.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: This completes the work of the Nominating Committee.

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: This completes the work if the newly elected R. E. Grand Commander will excuse us. Thank you very much for the privilege.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: You two will also install the Officers.

(The Grand Commander read his list of appointments.)

(R. E. Sir Kenneth H. Earle now presiding.)

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: R. E. Sir, the newly elected and appointed Officers are ready for installation.

(R. E. Sir Kenneth H. Earle installed the Officers both elected and appointed.)

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: Sir Knight, Lou, this has certainly been a long time coming. I had the pleasure of installing you last year as V. E. Deputy Grand Commander and I now have the pleasure of installing you as Grand Commander. This being my appointment I am doubly proud to do this, of course. These men have selected you for this high honor and I congratulate you on attaining this high office. The duties are heavy and I am sure you will carry on the obligation of all the duties that go with this job in a very fine manner, as have all the Grand Commanders who have preceded you.

(R. E. Sir Kenneth H. Earle conferred the obligation of office upon the Grand Officers.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: Grand Commandery, attention! Behold your Grand Commander! R. E. Sir, behold your Grand Commandery! The success of his reign rests substantially on the activities of all the men in this room and the other 14,000 Sir Knights in the jurisdiction. Please give him the helping hand that he will need because you have heard many remarks today that we need some active Knights Templars in this jurisdiction. Grand Commandery, be seated.

LIST OF APPOINTED OFFICERS—OCTOBER 8, 1963

Grand Senior Warden.....E. SIR GORDON C. PLAYER
Grand Junior Warden .....E. SIR NORMAN L. STAVELEY

Grand Prelates .....REV. AND E. SIR FRANK B. CRANDALL
REV. AND E. SIR W. IRVING MONROE
Associate Grand Prelates.....REV. AND E. SIR LEONARD S. REDLAWN
E. SIR WILLIAM T. O'NEIL
E. SIR ARTHUR J. PHILLIPS
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Grand Sword Bearer.....E. SIR KARSTEN H. SANDMO
Grand Warder.....E. SIR ALLAN I. HATFIELD, JR.
Grand Captain of the Guard.....E. SIR JAMES C. BAYLEY
Grand Sentinel.....E. SIR CLARENCE R. DAVIS
Inspector Instructor.....E. SIR THOMAS C. BROWN

The officers elected and appointed were duly installed by Sir Knight Kenneth H. Earle, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, assisted by Sir Knight Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Right Eminent Past Grand Commander.

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14 Haverhill—Haverhill
17 Bethany—Lawrence
18 Winslow-Lewis—Salem
36 Olivet—Lynn
43 Bethlehem—Gloucester

CENTRAL DIVISION

Grand Standard Bearer
E. Sir Jack R. Baker, 60 Bent Rd., Rumford, R. I. Tel.: GEneva 4-6613
E. Sir James A. Jennings, D.G.W.

5 Worcester County—Worcester
19 Jerusalem—Fitchburg
32 Trinity—Hudson
33 Natick—Natick
35 Gethsemane—Newtonville
46 Ivanhoe—Gardner
52 Sir Galahad—Waltham

SOUTH WEST DIVISION

Grand Sword Bearer
E. Sir Karsten H. Sandmo, 46 Brookings St., Medford, Mass. Tel.: EXport 6-2795

E. Sir Robert L. Bennett, D.G.W.
8 Holy Sepulchre—Pawtucket
11 Milford—Milford
15 Old Colony—Abington
24 Woonsocket—Woonsocket
13 Calvary—East Providence
38 Bay State—Brockton
48 Temple—Norwood

WESTERN DIVISION

Grand Captain of the Guard
E. Sir James C. Bayley, 27 Hereford St., Boston, Mass. 02115 Tel.: CO 6-2067

E. Sir Robert S. Andrews, D.G.W.
6 Springfield—Springfield
22 Berkshire—Pittsfield
23 Conn. Valley—Greenfield
30 Northampton—Northampton
37 Athol—Athol
40 St. Paul—North Adams
45 Orange—Orange
49 St. Andrew—Holyoke

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: E. Grand Marshal, make the official proclamation.

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: The hour being late I make the proclamation that the Officers of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and the Appendant Orders have been duly installed. This proclomation I make from the East! (Organ fanfare). From the West! (Organ fanfare). From the South! (Organ fanfare). And from the North! (Organ fanfare).

(The Grand Commander now presiding.)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: R. E. Sir Earle and R. E. Sir Wilson, Ken and Bob, I want to thank you for the job you have done. As far as I know the work of the day is completed except I have a few words that I would like to pass along to you men at this time.

Sir Knights, you have elected me your Grand Commander and I thank you all for putting me in this place of great honor.

For myself, personally, this year will climax my many years of service as a Knight Templar and I pray to God that I might continue in good health in order that I may give this Grand Commandery a fruitful and successful year.

Our objectives, this year, we want to spell out. We feel that we can build a better Organization, that we can give the Candidate more for his money and improve our methods of attracting members and holding their interest to keep Templary from losing its rightful place in the world in which we live. We do not subscribe to the fact that we are on the way down and we plan to reverse the trend, not by words but by action. The busy pace of today's business world demands a new and realistic approach which we are attempting to do. We plan to promote "Classes" for conferring degrees and Orders of the York Rite whenever possible, and space these York Rite Festivals throughout the year. We believe this will not only increase membership but interest on the part of our present members.

METHODS: We hope to accomplish the following:

Build an Organization:

1—By geographical divisions.
2—Division Commander given full responsibility and authority for 7 Commanderies.
3—Information and complaints coming up through a "chain of command."

A—Training Grand Commanders for the future.
B—Commandery leadership in an area to consolidate efforts of Councils and Chapters.
C—Ability to put on the Orders in Full Form by pooling candidates in area into a larger class.
D—Giving the candidate better and speedier service.
E—Fewer holdovers at the end of the year.
F—Opportunity to put on bigger and better Social Events with 7 Commanderies.
G—Better showing in street Parades.
H—Taking the load off the Grand Recorder office.
I—Other benefits too numerous to enumerate.

GRAND COMMANDERY LINE

Our Inspections, for many years, have been set up, in my opinion, to the detriment of the Council Officers. The Senior Warden inspects the First Division, which means that at this time he is introducing Presiding Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals at seven Inspections. After this he has no more Inspections.

The next year he is Grand Captain General, which means that the Presiding Commander the year he was Grand Senior Warden, is now Past, and the Presiding Commander was the Generalissimo when he was the Grand Senior Warden. It follows that when he is Grand Generalissimo the Presiding Commander was the Captain General when he was Grand Senior Warden and by the time he is the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander he has not introduced or does not know any Presiding Officers with but few exceptions.

The Grand Captain General and Grand Generalissimo have two lost years in the Grand Line and for them to go to an Inspection where the Grand Commander or the Deputy Grand Commander are present is, in my opinion, a waste of time.

SHORTER GRAND COMMANDERY LINE

It is obvious that the Grand Generalissimo should have a Division and the Grand Captain General should have one also, thereby cutting out the Sixth and Seventh Division Commanders and making the Grand Commandery Line nine (9) years instead of eleven (11). This in keeping with Grand Encampment.

DIVISIONS

It has been the custom in the past in Grand Commandery to divide the Divisions according to the number of the Commandery and it would not be the writer's intention to do away with the numbers if the Grand Commandery was on parade or in the method of introducing a Suite at an Inspection. However, one only has to reflect for a minute on any one of the Divisions to see how difficult it is for a Division Commander to become well acquainted with a Division that spreads all over two States. Take any one Division and this is immediately apparent. For instance, take the second Division with Pawtucket, Lowell, Chelsea, Milford, Boston, Providence and Haverhill, it is hard to conceive how you could get these seven Commanderies together at any one time. On the other hand, if we were to make our Divisions such as, for instance, a Western Division with Springfield, Pittsfield, Greenfield, Holyoke, Northampton, Orange and Athol, it immediately becomes apparent that the Division Commander of this group would get to know in one year all the Sir Knights of this district. He would become the apex of the York Rite efforts in this territory. He would be able to, not only promote the Orders in long form by mutual help from the stronger Commanderies in the group, but also promote one or two worthwhile social events. Also, he would be in a position to organize a church parade and show strength where it is needed. Moreover, he could work in close harmony with the Chapters and Councils in the area.

In splitting up the Commanderies into Geographical Divisions it is quite natural to put the seven Commanderies of Rhode Island into a group. This may be due partially that the heads of the Councils and Chapters in Massachusetts have no authority in Rhode Island; however, the Rhode Island Councils and Chapters have the same problems and their cooperation, I am sure, could be obtained in the effort to promote the York Rite.

We have poor Commanderies in both States and I have not as yet been in any Commandery in either State that had no room for improvement. Can splitting the seven Commanderies of Rhode Island split in such a manner that in the future no references could be made to them as Commanderies of the State of Rhode Island. For some reason it seems that the State Rights in the Grand Commandery, in the past, has been stronger at times than at the time of the Civil War in these United States.

DIVISIONS

METROPOLITAN DIVISION SOUTH

Grand Generalissimo in charge

2 Boston—Boston
7 De Molay—Boston
12 St. Bernard—Boston
21 St. Omer—Dorchester
26 Joseph Warren—Dorc. Low Mills
31 South Shore—East Weymouth
39 Cyprus—Hyde Park
47 Quincy—Quincy

SOUTH EAST DIVISION

Grand Captain General in charge

1 St. John's—Providence
4 Washington—Newport
29 Bristol—Attleboro
16 Sutton—New Bedford
25 Godfrey de Bouillon—Fall River
27 Narragansett—Westerly
51 Thos. Smith Webb—Cranston

METROPOLITAN DIVISION NORTH

Grand Senior Warden in charge

10 Palestine—Chelsea
20 Hugh de Payens—Melrose
34 Coeur de Lion—Medford
41 Beauseant—Malden
42 Cambridge—Cambridge
50 Reading—Reading

NORTH EAST DIVISION

Grand Junior Warden in charge

3 Newburyport—Newburyport
9 Pilgrim—Lowell
14 Haverhill—Haverhill
17 Bethany—Lawrence
18 Winslow Lewis—Salem
36 Olivet—Lynn
43 Bethlehem—Gloucester

CENTRAL DIVISION

Grand Standard Bearer in charge

5 Worcester County—Worcester
19 Jerusalem—Fitchburg
32 Trinity—Hudson
33 Natick—Natick
35 Gethsemane—Newtonville
52 Sir Galahad—Waltham
46 Ivanhoe—Gardner

SOUTH WEST DIVISION

Grand Sword Bearer in charge

8 Holy Sepulchre—Pawtucket
11 Milford—Milford
15 Old Colony—Abington
24 Woonsocket—Woonsocket
13 Calvary—East Providence
38 Bay State—Brockton
48 Temple—Norwood

WESTERN DIVISION

Grand Captain of the Guards in charge

6 Springfield—Springfield
22 Berkshire—Pittsfield
23 Conn. Valley—Greenfield
30 Northampton—Northampton
37 Athol—Athol
40 St. Paul—North Adams
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This is the manner in which we will operate this year.

This year the Division Commanders will actually be the personal representatives of the Grand Commander at Inspections and, the Grand Commander or Council Officers will attend Inspections only at their own free will and pleasure. The writer feels that it is a little ridiculous to have a personal representative and then to attend the Inspection himself.

The Division Commander will bring the greetings of the Grand Commandery and the only other speaker at the

Inspection shall be the Grand Prelate or Associate Grand Prelate.

MEMBERSHIP

I have on hand copies of reports from 14 or 15 Grand Jurisdictions showing loss of membership. I do not subscribe to the theory that we are in the throes of death and I definitely feel that as the oldest and most . . . friendly Jurisdiction in the Grand Encampment of the United States. There is a challenge for us to pick up the torch and rekindle the fires that have made this Organization the greatest Order known to men outside of the Church. This can be done by hard work on the part of every single Sir Knight in our Jurisdiction. I believe they are ready to work for us; all they need is leadership and direction and that, Mr. Division Commander, is your job and mine.

Be sure that other commitments and changes in your present set-up do not hamper you in any way in working for the success of this program. I believe you know me well enough to know that I would not hesitate in "benching" anyone I felt was only giving the minimum to the program.

I am a firm believer in the statement that "good guys do not win ball games."

MARKING

This year the marking of a Commandery will be tied in with quota attainment. There are many Sir Knights who will object as they feel that I am too candidate conscious, however, you might be interested to know that the budget for Grand Commandery is based on obtaining the quota and if it is not obtained we are running a business at a deficit, which I do not enjoy doing.

The quota is based on membership and is set up on 850 knightings instead of 1000. I know that a high quota for the large Commandery is difficult to obtain but I believe, this year, particularly with the Council no longer a prerequisite, we will be able to obtain our quotas by hard work. Over the years, we, as a group, have become so mark conscious that we are forgetting that we have got to give the Sir Knights who already are members, something for their money and replace those that are passing on. The source of income for a Commandery should be from candidates only. Let us forget our large individual Commandery permanent funds and run our Commanderies on a current basis.

The mark is set up as follows:

79 points can be obtained for perfect work.

15 points can be obtained for quota. After quota is obtained 5 points more may be added for activities.

85-99 equal 10 minus
80-84 equal 9 plus
75-79 equal 9
70-74 equal 9 minus
65-69 equal 8 plus
60-64 equal 8

This will mean that no Commandery can receive a mark of 9 plus or 10 minus without obtaining their quota.

In regard to quota obtainment I have already been asked; If a Commandery should obtain 1/3 or 1/2 of their quota can they be credited with 5 or 7½ points toward their mark? This is predicated on the basis that the system is new and we should work into this system of marking over a number of years. My reply to this question is as follows:

If I was quarterbacking a football team and it was third down and 10 yards to go, it would be ridiculous for me to call a pass-play that would not, if completed, net 10 yards because a third or half of this distance would result in kicking and losing the ball on the fourth down, regardless if this play was successful.

I am also aware that some of the Commanders, on first learning of this new method of marking, stated that their quotas could not be obtained, therefore they were going to do nothing. I am sure that they actually spoke in haste and without too much thoughts as to the condition of our Commanderies.

To turn the tide of losing membership and to have an outstanding year in your Commandery, I am sure that every Commander will put everything in this proposition for its success and we will end up the year in a much happier and healthier state than we are now. Let us go, it is later than you think.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Is the Credentials Committee in the room?

E. SIR WILLIAM TURNER: R. E. Sir, there are 201 present representing 47 Commanderies.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, I am about to adjourn this Grand Commandery and I would call you to attention.

E. Grand Prelate, you will lead our Devotions. Sir Knights, uncover!

REV. AND E. SIR FRANK B. CRANDALL: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His Face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His Countenance upon you and give you Peace both now and forever. Amen.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, recover! E. Grand Warder, you will inform the Sentinel that this One Hundred Sixtieth Conclave of the Grand Commandery is adjourned.

Sir Knights, you are dismissed.

(The Grand Commandery was closed in form at 3:55 P. M.)

Courteously submitted,

George A. Weeks.

Grand Recorder.

NOTE: A full transcript of the Annual Conclave is on file in Grand Commandery office.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 1 — October 9, 1962
Series 1962-1963

ORGANIZATION FOR 1962-1963

Grand Commander, WILLIAM F. WEST,
84 Armington St., Edgewood, Rhode Island
Calvary Commandery No. 13 K.T.
Deputy Grand Commander, LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN,
P. O. Box 2, New Boston, Massachusetts
Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 K.T.
Grand Generalissimo, RUSSELL R. LONG,
10 Vine St., Saugus, Massachusetts
Olivet Commandery No. 36 K.T.
Grand Captain General, G. BURTON LONG,
41 Longview Road, Reading, Massachusetts
Reading Commandery No. 50 K.T.
Grand Senior Warden, HERMAN C. MCSTAY,
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Grand Junior Warden, GEORGE C. PATTON, JR.,
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Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20 K.T.
Grand Prelate, REV. FRANK B. CRANDALL,
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St. Omer Commandery No. 21 K.T.
REV. LEONARD S. REDLAWN, 106 Batemen Ave., Cranston 10, R. I.
St. John's Commandery No. 1 K.T.
SIR KT. WILLIAM J. O'NEILL, 108 Rowley St., Agawam, Massachusetts
Springfield Commandery No. 6 K.T.
SIR KT. ARTHUR J. PHILLIPS, 33 Phillips St., Watertown Mass.
St. Bernard Commandery No. 12 K.T.
Grand Treasurer, CLARENCE E. BOOTH,
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Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 K.T.
Grand Recorder, GEORGE A. WEEKS,
40 Glen St., Melrose 76, Massachusetts

St. Omer Commandery No. 21 K.T.
Grand Standard Bearer, GORDON C. PLAYER,
99 High St., Ipswich, Massachusetts
Newburyport Commandery No. 3 K.T.
Grand Sword Bearer, NORMAN L. STAVELEY,
37 Glen Ave., Chelmsford, Massachusetts
Pilgrim Commandery No. 9 K.T.
Grand Warder, SAUNDERS W. SPOONER,
29 Valentine Circle, Cowesett, R. I.
Calvary Commandery No. 13 K.T.
Grand Captain of the Guard, JACK RICHARD BAKER,
60 Bent Road, Rumford, R. I.
Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51 K.T.
Grand Sentinel, CLARENCE R. DAVIS,
27 Kilgore Ave., West Medford, Massachusetts
De Molay Commandery No. 7 K.T.
Division Commander—6th Division, KARSTEN H. SANDMO,
46 Brookings St., Medford, Massachusetts
Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34 K.T.
Division Commander—7th Division, JOSEF RAIS,
94 Herbert St., E. Greenwich, R. I.
Calvary Commandery No. 13 K.T.
Inspector Instructor, THOMAS C. BROWN,
365 Auburn St., Cranston 10, R.I.
Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51 K.T.

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E. SIR HUBERT N. BERNARD, JR., (1964)
R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR., (1965)
R. E. SIR WILLIAM F. WEST, *ex-officia*
R. E. SIR CLARENCE E. BOOTH, *ex-officio*

AUDITOR

SIR KT. GARDNER B. WARDWELL, 1962-1963

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.
and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

"Glory to God in the highest; on earth peace, good will toward men."

Boston, November 1, 1962, A. O. 844

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 1
Series 1962-1963

To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction

GREETINGS:

With the approach of Christmas, it is my great pleasure to extend to every Sir Knight in this Grand Jurisdiction, and their families, sincere Holiday Greetings, and with every wish that the New Year and the years to come will bring happiness and well-being to all.

As members of this Christmas Order, it is significant that our thoughts at Christmas turn to helping those of our Fraternity and their families who may be in distress.

Following the custom of many years, the Sir Knights are given the opportunity of contributing to the *Christmas Good Cheer Fund* through their own Commanderies. This Fund is used exclusively to alleviate distress and to bring some measure of happiness to those worthy of assistance.

It is hoped that every Sir Knight will make a donation to this worthy cause, and the thought of doing good unto others will be returned many fold as a personal reward.

"Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

II Corinthians 9:6, 7.

This Official Order is to be read at the head of the Lines, at the Conclave immediately following its receipt and the results reported to me on forms furnished by the Grand Commandery.

Given under my hand and seal of this Grand Commandery on the 1st day of November, nineteen hundred sixty-two, A. O. 844.

Courteously yours,
WILLIAM F. WEST
Grand Commander

(SEAL)
Attest:

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

COMMITTEE

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Chairman*
E. SIR NOYES BRIDGHAM — E. SIR ARVIN C. M. FRENCH
E. SIR CHESTER L. CRAWFORD — E. SIR KARL O. LEPISTO

Boston, Massachusetts, December 5, 1962

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 2
Series 1962-1963

Re: Officers Assignment

TO: *The Grand Commandery Officers and the Recorders.*

SIR KNIGHT:

Due to, the very sudden passing of Sir Knight Herman Charles McStay, Eminent Grand Senior Warden on Wednesday, November 28, 1962, and whereas our Inspections and other activities are progressing satisfactory, I feel that a change in Officers at this time is unwarranted. I therefore, assign Sir Knight G. Burton Long, Em. Grand Captain General to fill the vacancy in the first division and complete, the Inspections of that Division. You are therefore directed to be governed accordingly. Sir Knight Long's Official Title is Grand Captain General as at present.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Grand Commandery on the Fifth Day of December, nineteen hundred sixty-two, A. D. 844.

Courteously yours,
WILLIAM F. WEST
Grand Commander

(SEAL)
Attest:

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

January 17, 1963

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 3
Series 1962-1963

TO: *Grand Commandery Officers, Commanders and Recorders*

Re: Council Prerequisite

SIR KNIGHTS:

It has been called to my attention—that certain Commanderies are asking questions in regard to the conferring of the Orders of Knighthood and balloting upon petitions received since November 1,

1962. Grand Commandery Office has been asked to give an Official Ruling on this subject. I can only refer you to AMENDMENT—ARTICLE XIX, Sections 1 and 6 to the Constitution of this Grand Commandery as adopted at the Annual Conclave held on October 10, 1961, which is specific:

> ARTICLE XIX, Section 1—The orders of Knighthood shall not be conferred upon anyone who has not received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, Royal Arch Mason, Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master; nor upon anyone who is not an affiliated Master Mason, Royal Arch Mason, and Super Excellent Master; nor upon anyone who has not resided at least six months (*continue to end of section without change*).
>
> Section 6—However, for candidates who petition for the Orders on or before November 1, 1962, membership in good standing in Lodge and Chapter only is necessary to acquire or retain membership in a Commandery.

It is my opinion that the questions regarding receiving of petitions and balloting thereon has not been changed, and that you can ballot upon a petition providing the petitioner has applied to the Council, but YOU CANNOT CONFER THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD UNTIL HE HAS BEEN MADE A SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER.

I note that Conclave Notices are making no reference to the Council Affiliation of the candidate and it is therefore MY ORDER "that the name of petitioner giving his Chapter and Council affiliation must appear on the Conclave Notice, or that he has applied to the Council must appear on the Notice or call of the meeting.

My attention has also been called to the fact that a certain Commandery has balloted upon a candidate who has not signed the By-Laws of his Blue Lodge, although we need candidates, we must abide by the Constitution.

This OFFICIAL ORDER to be read at the Head of the Lines, at the Conclave immediately following its receipt.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island this 17th day of January, 1963, A. O. 845.

Courteously yours,
WILLIAM F. WEST
Grand Commander

(SEAL)
Attest:

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

February 15, 1963

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 4
Series 1962-1963

TO: *THE EMINENT COMMANDERS.*

EMINENT SIRS:

You have been advised that the Presiding Councils Club has answered my call for assistance in promoting activities during the present year—activities that would appeal to and include every Sir Knight, members of their family, and friends.

It is my desire that each Commandery take immediate steps to form a Drill Team. It is my firm belief that the formation of Commandery Drill Teams does much to publicize Templary. A good Drill

Team will enliven interest in social activities and in the semi-military part of our work. Drill Teams will interest the younger Sir Knights and create more interest in the "back to uniform" movement. Nothing would please me more than to see many Drill Teams competing at the GRAND COMMANDER'S ANNUAL ASSEMBLY to be held in the ballroom of the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Boston, on Saturday, March 30, 1963.

I ask you, Sir Knights, to get behind the Presiding Councils Club's request to form and furnish Drill Teams for competition at the GRAND COMMANDER'S ASSEMBLY.

The Officers and Second Division of each Commandery are urged to be present and are expected with their colors and banners to take part in the exercises and assist in the display of Templary . . . whether you have a Drill Team or not. This is your opportunity to make this Assembly an outstanding event and show that "TEMPLARY IS ON THE MARCH."

Please give this event as much publicity as possible—carry it on your Conclave Notice so that each Sir Knight may participate in our Event.

The All-Masonic Nite will be held on Saturday, June 8, 1963.

It is my order that this communication be read at the next Conclave following its receipt and spread upon the records. Given under my hand and the seal of this Grand Commandery on this 15th day of February, 1963.

Courteously yours,
WILLIAM F. WEST
Grand Commander

(SEAL)
Attest:

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

March 16, 1963

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 5
Series 1962-1963

TO: *THE EMINENT COMMANDER.*

EMINENT SIR:

ALL MASONIC NIGHT, again sponsored by Aleppo Temple of the Shrine, will be held at the Boston Garden on Saturday evening, June 8, 1963.

Last year, 35 Commanderies appeared officially with over 700 Sir Knights parading on the floor of the Boston Garden in uniform. In accordance with the usual custom, only Sir Knights actually parading in uniform on the escort with their Commandery are entitled to ticket for Lady. Sir Knights *not* planning to appear in uniform should apply for tickets on Blue Lodge ticket applications.

Detailed advices will be forwarded later as to exact timing and arrangements.

An immediate response is urgently requested.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of March, 1963.

Courteously yours,
WILLIAM F. WEST
Grand Commander

(SEAL)
Attest:

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

Please advise the Grand Recorder *at once* that there will be present in *uniform* from your Commandery to serve on official escort of the Grand Commander.

1. Your Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General.....
2. Your Colors. How many? .....
3. How many uniformed Sir Knights in *addition* to above officers and colors? .....

TOTAL SIR KNIGHTS IN UNIFORM: .....
EMINENT COMMANDER.....
COMMANDERY.....

February 18, 1963

OFFICIAL BULLETIN No. 1
Series 1962-1963

TO: *THE GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS and RECORDERS*

Re: EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
April 14, 1963

SIR KNIGHTS:

Enclosed herewith you will find a reproduced letter sent by the Committee on the Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

I have been directed by Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight William F. West, to advise you that it is his desire that you carry the following on your Stated Conclave Notices:—

"The thirty-third Annual Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service will be held in the Amphitheatre of the Arlington National Cemetery on Easter Sunday morning, April 14, 1963. The Assembly, in full Templar Uniform, will begin at 7 A.M. SHARP at the West Gate (near Fort Myers) the lines will move promptly at 7:10 A.M. for the march to the Amphitheatre. Music will be furnished by the U. S. Marine Band, and the address will be given by The Reverend Edward L. R. Elson, Pastor of the National Presbyterian Church, an outstanding speaker."

Division Commanders will give the above date all the publicity possible in their Division.

Courteously yours,

GAW/df

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

February 1, 1963

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE COMMITTEE ON ARLINGTON EASTER SUNRISE MEMORIAL SERVICE

HARRY L. BEACH, G.C., (D.C.) *Chairman*
Masonic Temple, 801 Thirteenth Street, N.W., Washington 5, D. C.

WILLIAM E. BARKMAN, G.S.W., (D.C.) *Vice-Chairman*

To: *Grand Encampment Officers and Committeemen, Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders and Grand Recorders:*

Arrangements are being made for the thirty-third Annual Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service to be held under the auspices of the Grand Encampment. The Service will begin promptly at 7:30 a.m., in the Amphitheatre of Arlington National Cemetery on Easter Sunday morning, April 14, 1963. The assembly in full Templar uniform will begin at 7:00 o'clock sharp at the West Gate of the Cemetery

(near Fort Myer). The lines will move promptly at 7:10 a.m. for the march to the Amphitheatre.

The ceremony of laying the traditional Cross of Lilies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will conclude the Service. Music will be furnished by the U. S. Marine Band and arrangements are being made to have the Service broadcast or televised on a nation-wide network. The address on this occasion will be delivered by The Rev. Edward L. R. Elson, S.T.D., Litt.D., LLD., Pastor of the National Presbyterian Church, and an outstanding speaker.

A very cordial invitation is extended to you to participate, *and the Committee especially requests that you give this invitation all possible publicity in your jurisdiction.* More and more Knights in uniform from the various Grand Commanderies are making the pilgrimage to Washington, D. C., to attend this Service at Easter time. Reserved seats will be provided for those accompanying you not in uniform, upon request.

The Committee will be happy to make any hotel reservations for Sir Knights in uniform and their party at the Washington and Willard Hotels, but I must urge that you advise us as early as possible as hotel accommodations are at a premium during this season.

After the Service the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia will sponsor a breakfast (about 9:00 a.m.) for the Sir Knights and their ladies, at the Willard Hotel, next door to the Washington Hotel. Tickets are $2.50 each, and we shall be glad to send you tickets if you will forward to me at the above address your check for the required amount made payable to Rodger R. Kauffman, Grand Recorder.

We are looking forward to greeting you and as many of your Sir Knights as can possibly be present.

Courteously yours,

HARRY L. BEACH,
Chairman

April 9, 1963

OFFICIAL BULLETIN No. 2
Series 1962-1963

TO: *COMMANDERS and RECORDERS.*

SIR KNIGHTS:

DEMITS and SUSPENSIONS

The large number of demits and suspensions granted each year by our Commanderies has been a matter of serious concern for some time, not only in our Jurisdiction, but nationally. It is discouraging to note the number of Conclave Notices that carry the appeal for payment of dues or action on delinquents. This situation has caused your Grand Commander to give serious thought to ways and means to avoid the increasing number of suspensions for non-payment of dues. Various attempts have been made over the years to improve this condition, but have met with comparatively little success. Last year we demitted 150 and suspended 123, or a total net loss of 273 members. Too many suspensions are granted with little or no investigation being made to determine why a man has become several years in arrears. In many cases, elderly and infirm members have been suspended who were simply financially unable to pay their dues but failed to make their circumstances known, and to many who had been faithful members for a number of years their suspensions came as crushing blows.

Do you recall the phrase "That I will go to the distance of forty miles, even barefoot aend on frozen ground, to relieve the distress of a worthy Sir Knight?" Do we do this when we suspend a Sir Knight

without due consideration? It is my desire that before you suspend any member you find out just why he is in arrears. If you find he is financially unable to pay his dues, your Commandery can vote to remit them and take his dues of its Charity or Relief Fund. Some Commanderies have done this for years and ALL SHOULD DO SO. I know of no better use which can be made of Charity Funds than to pay the dues of the elderly, infirm and needy members of the Commandery.

Courteously yours,

WILLIAM F. WEST
Grand Commander

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84 Armington St.,
Edgewood, R. I.

The records show that you have recently petitioned to become a Knight Templar. I need not remind you that this is one of the highest honors that can come to any man in Masonry.

As Grand Commander of the nearly 15,000 Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, I extend to you a hearty welcome into our great Order, which numbers well over 395,000 members in the United States. Traditionally, our Order traces its ancestry back to the Crusades (1096-1273 A.D.), whose purpose was the wresting of the Holy Land from the infidel Turks. Though the Knights of old did not succeed in their objective, they set an example which men in all ages have been delighted and honored to follow. Modern Templary traces its beginnings back to December 11, 1769, when the order was conferred upon Paul Revere, and its history since that time has been a most inspiring one. May I call your attention to four things about the great Order of which you are to become a member:

First, and foremost, it is a Christian Order and is one of the few Christian bodies which predicates its membership upon Symbolic Masonry. As such, it supports the Christian Church in all its branches and inculcates into its members the necessity of living up to the principles of the Christian religion, not only in theory, but more especially in everyday life.

Secondly, there is nothing in Templary that contradicts the tenets and principles which you have learned in the Blue Lodge and the preceeding degrees. On the contrary, Templary provides an extension and amplification of all that you have learned in Masonry before and re-emphasizes those ancient ideals which have been the inspiration of all men of good will since the beginning of time.

Thirdly, it is a patriotic Order, teaching obedience to the laws of our country, allegiance to the American way of life, and unswerving loyalty to those basic principles which are embodied in the ideals of individual worth, the brotherhood of all men, and the fatherhood of God.

Fourthly, it is a militant Order, the Templar uniform standing for an aggressive attitude on the part of all Sir Knights toward the building up of our free society, and to show the world that we are true followers of the Cross.

May I urge you, therefore, to dedicate yourself anew to these objectives, to take an active interest in your Commandery, and in serving the Great Captain of our salvation, whom we serve. I shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Courteously yours,

WILLIAM F. WEST
Grand Commander

ADDENDA

Precedence of Grand Commanderies Based Upon the Date of Their Respective Organizations

1. MASSACHUETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.....May 6, 1805
2. NEW YORK .....June 18, 1814
3. VIRGINIA .....Nov. 27, 1823
4. VERMONT .....June 27, 1824
5. NEW HAMPSHIRE .....June 13, 1826
6. CONNECTICUT .....Sept. 13, 1827
7. OHIO .....Oct. 24, 1843
8. KENTUCKY .....Oct. 15, 1847
9. MAINE .....May 5, 1852
10. PENNSYLVANIA .....April 12, 1854
11. INDIANA .....May 16, 1854
12. TEXAS .....Jan. 18, 1855
13. MISSISSIPPI .....Jan. 21, 1857
14. MICHIGAN .....April 7, 1857
15. ILLINOIS .....Oct. 27, 1857
16. CALIFORNIA .....Aug. 10, 1858
17. TENNESSEE .....Oct. 12, 1859
18. WISCONSIN .....Oct. 20, 1859
19. NEW JERSEY .....Feb. 14, 1860
20. GEORGIA .....April 25, 1860
21. MISSOURI .....May 22, 1860
22. ALABAMA .....Nov. 29, 1860
23. LOUISIANA .....Feb. 12, 1864
24. IOWA .....June 6, 1864
25. MINNESOTA .....Oct. 23, 1865
26. KANSAS .....Dec. 29, 1868
27. MARYLAND .....Jan. 23, 1871
28. NEBRASKA .....Dec. 27, 1871
29. ARKANSAS .....Mar. 23, 1872
30. WEST VIRGINIA .....Feb. 25, 1874
31. COLORADO .....Mar. 14, 1876
32. NORTH CAROLINA .....May 10, 1881
33. SOUTH DAKOTA .....May 14, 1884
34. OREGON .....April 13, 1887
35. WASHINGTON .....June 2, 1887
36. WYOMING .....Mar. 7, 1888
37. MONTANA .....May 14, 1888
38. NORTH DAKOTA .....June 16, 1890
39. ARIZONA .....Nov. 16, 1893
40. FLORIDA .....Aug. 15, 1895
41. *INDIAN TERRITORY .....Dec. 27, 1895
42. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA .....Jan. 14, 1896
43. *OKLAHOMA .....Feb. 10, 1896
44. NEW MEXICO .....Aug. 21, 1901
45. IDAHO .....Aug. 31, 1904
46. SOUTH CAROLINA .....Mar. 25, 1907
47. UTAH .....April 20, 1910
48. NEVADA .....April 15, 1918

(*Consolidated October 6, 1911, as the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.)

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GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS

Name of Commandery	No.	Members Present	Visitors	Suite	Total	Annual Dues	Life Members	Date of Inspection	Mark	Inspecting Officer
St. John's	1	134	8	55	197	7.00	140.00	Feb. 4, 1963	10—	G. Burton Long
Boston	2	247	8	45	300	10.00	150.00	Apr. 17, 1963	10—	G. Burton Long
Newburyport	3	112	9	45	166	10.00	150.00	Jan. 17, 1963	10—	G. Burton Long
Washington	4	34	1	22	57	6.00	99.00	May 15, 1963	9++	Louis A. Beaudoin
Worcester County	5	159	19	25	203	10.00	200.00	Apr. 4, 1963	10—	G. Burton Long
Springfield	6	82	5	26	113	10.00	150.00	Feb. 11, 1963	9	G. Burton Long
De Molay	7	227	9	44	280	10.00	150.00	Nov. 28, 1962	10—	Herman C. McStay
Holy Sepulchre	8	84	8	40	132	10.00	200.00	Mar. 3, 1963	9++	George C. Patton, Jr.
Pilgrim	9	89	2	33	124	11.00	165.00	Jan. 15, 1963	9++	George C. Patton, Jr.
Palestine	10	56	3	24	83	10.00	150.00	Nov. 14, 1962	9++	George C. Patton, Jr.
Milford	11	47	1	15	63	9.00	135.00	Apr. 23, 1962	10—	George C. Patton, Jr.
St. Bernard	12	45	1	8	54	40.00	750.00	Feb. 13, 1963	9++	George C. Patton, Jr.
Calvary	13	104	5	38	147	9.00	135.00	Mar. 19, 1963	10—	George C. Patton, Jr.
Haverhill	14	126	19	40	185	8.00	120.00	Apr. 2, 1963	10—	George C. Patton, Jr.
Old Colony	15	49	2	28	79	5.00	75.00	Nov. 26, 1962	9	Gordon C. Player
Sutton	16	168	3	17	188	7.00	105.00	Mar. 7, 1963	10—	Gordon C. Player
Bethany	17	71	2	23	96	10.00	150.00	Apr. 29, 1963	9	Gordon C. Player
Winslow Lewis	18	52	0	9	61	8.00	160.00	Mar. 21, 1963	9++	Gordon C. Player
Jerusalem	19	102	16	37	155	10.00	150.00	Apr. 25, 1963	10—	Gordon C. Player
Hugh De Payens	20	145	8	46	199	9.00	135.00	Apr. 10, 1963	9++	Gordon C. Player
St. Omer	21	85	7	28	120	8.00	120.00	Nov. 19, 1962	9++	Norman L. Staveley
Berkshire	22	81	8	35	124	6.00	90.00	Apr. 8, 1963	9++	Norman L. Staveley
Connecticut Valley	23	38	3	18	59	7.00	105.00	Nov. 6, 1962	9	Norman L. Staveley
Woonsocket	24	52	3	28	83	9.00	75.00	Feb. 12, 1963	9	Norman L. Staveley
Godfrey De Bouillon	25	36	0	24	60	7.00	150.00	Dec. 19, 1962	9	Norman L. Staveley
Joseph Warren	26	45	3	29	77	10.00	150.00	Mar. 5, 1963	9++	Norman L. Staveley
Narragansett	27	76	3	21	100	5.00	75.00	Mar. 6, 1963	10—	Norman L. Staveley
Bristol	29	86	12	42	140	6.00	90.00	Feb. 1, 1963	10—	Norman L. Staveley
Northampton	30	46	8	26	80	8.00	120.00	Jan. 9, 1962	9	Jack R. Baker
South Shore	31	48	1	30	79	8.00	120.00	Mar. 28, 1963	10—	Jack R. Baker
Trinity	32	42	0	9	51	6.00	150.00	Mar. 20, 1963	8++	Jack R. Baker
Natick	33	105	7	40	152	6.00	90.00	Mar. 11, 1963	10—	Jack R. Baker
Coeur De Lion	34	137	21	59	217	7.00	105.00	Feb. 20, 1963	10—	Jack R. Baker
Gethsemane	35	164	5	37	206	12.00	180.00	Feb. 26, 1963	10—	Jack R. Baker
Olivet	36	117	5	35	157	7.00	150.00	Nov. 8, 1962	9—	Jack R. Baker
Athol	37	50	4	28	82	8.00	90.00	Mar. 13, 1963	10—	Karsten H. Sandmo
Bay State	38	125	12	47	184	7.00	150.00	Nov. 12, 1962	10—	Karsten H. Sandmo
Cyprus	39	48	6	35	89	7.00	105.00	Dec. 27, 1962	9	Karsten H. Sandmo
St. Paul	40	49	8	34	91	10.00	150.00	May 17, 1963	9	Karsten H. Sandmo
Beauseant	41	86	7	25	118	8.00	120.00	Feb. 25, 1963	10—	Karsten H. Sandmo
Cambridge	42	55	2	42	99	10.00	200.00	Mar. 26, 1963	10—	Karsten H. Sandmo
Bethlehem	43	72	25	30	127	9.50	237.50	Apr. 22, 1963	10—	Karsten H. Sandmo
Orange	45	41	27	24	92	6.00	90.00	Feb. 22, 1963	9++	Josef Rais
Ivanhoe	46	98	23	46	167	7.00	105.00	Nov. 1, 1962	10—	Josef Rais
Quincy	47	82	6	32	120	12.00	180.00	Jan. 28, 1963	9++	Josef Rais
Temple	48	45	3	43	91	6.00	120.00	Dec. 13, 1962	9++	Josef Rais
St. Andrew	49	60	11	23	94	7.00	105.00	Apr. 15, 1963	9++	Josef Rais
Reading	50	107	18	48	173	10.00	200.00	Jan. 14, 1963	10—	Josef Rais
Thomas Smith Webb	51	57	3	48	108	10.00	150.00	Nov. 16, 1962	10—	Josef Rais
Sir Galahad	52	39	4	37	80	8.00	120.00	Feb. 18, 1963	9	George C. Patton, Jr.

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Name of Commandery	No.	Location of Commandery	Date of Charter	Stated Conclave	Election of Officers	Annual Conclave	Installation
St. John's	1	Providence, R. I.	Oct. 7, 1805	1st Mon.	June	Oct.	Oct.
Boston	2	Boston, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1806	3rd Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Newburyport	3	Newburyport, Mass.	May 19, 1808	3rd Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Washington	4	Newport, R. I.	June 7, 1814	3rd Wed.	June	June	June
Worcester County	5	Worcester, Mass.	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thurs.	June	June	June
Springfield	6	Springfield, Mass.	June 19, 1826	1st Mon.	June	June	June
DeMolay	7	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Pawtucket, R. I.	Oct. 10, 1848	3rd Fri.	June	June	June
Pilgrim	9	Lowell, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1855	4th Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Palestine	10	Chelsea, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2nd Wed.	May	May	May
Milford	11	Milford, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Tues.	June	June	June
St. Bernard	12	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2nd Wed.	May	May	May
Calvary	13	Providence, R. I.	May 22, 1860	3rd Tues	June	Sept.	Sept.
Haverhill	14	Haverhill, Mass.	May 13, 1863	2nd Tues.	June	June	June
Old Colony	15	Abington, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1863	4th Mon.	June	June	Sept.
Sutton	16	New Bedford, Mass.	Mar. 4, 1864	1st Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Bethany	17	Lawrence, Mass.	June 1, 1864	Last Mon.	May	May	Sept.
Winslow Lewis	18	Salem, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1865	3rd Thurs.	June	Oct.	Oct.
Jerusalem	19	Fitchburg, Mass.	Mar. 8, 1865	3rd Thurs.	June	June	Sept.
Hugh de Payens	20	Melrose, Mass.	Mar. 27, 1865	2nd Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. Omer	21	Dorchester, Mass.	Sept. 30, 1865	3rd Mon.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Berkshire	22	Pittsfield, Mass.	Dec. 22, 1865	2nd Mon.	June	June	June
Connecticut Valley	23	Greenfield, Mass.	May 22, 1866	1st Tues.	June	June	June
Woonsocket	24	Woonsocket, R. I.	Jan. 31, 1867	2nd Tues.	June	June	June
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Fall River, Mass.	May 29, 1868	3rd Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Joseph Warren	26	Roxbury, Mass.	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Mon.	June	June	June
Narragansett	27	Westerly, R. I.	May 12, 1869	1st Wed.	June	June	Oct.
*William Parkman	28	East Boston, Mass.	May 12, 1870				
Bristol	29	Attleboro, Mass.	May 28, 1870	1st Fri.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Northampton	30	Northampton, Mass.	June 2, 1870	2nd Mon.	June	June	June
South Shore	31	E. Weymouth, Mass.	June 9, 1870	4th Thurs.	June	June	Sept.
Trinity	32	Hudson, Mass.	April 7, 1871	3rd Wed.	June	June	Sept.
Natick	33	Natick, Mass.	April 12, 1871	2nd Mon.	June	June	Oct.
Coeur de Lion	34	Medford, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1871	3rd Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Gethsemane	35	Newtonville, Mass.	May 20, 1872	4th Tues.	June	June	June
Olivet	36	Lynn, Mass.	Mar. 13, 1873	2nd Thurs.	June	June	Sept.
Athol	37	Athol, Mass.	June 7, 1873	2nd Wed.	June	June	June
Bay State	38	Brockton, Mass.	Sept. 13, 1873	3rd Mon.	June	June	
Cyprus	39	Hyde Park, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Thurs.	May	Sept.	Sept.
St. Paul	40	North Adams, Mass.	Jan. 19, 1882	2nd Fri.	June	June	June
Beauseant	41	Malden, Mass.	Oct. 20, 1886	4th Mon.	June	June	June
Cambridge	42	Cambridge, Mass.	May 28, 1890	4th Tues.	June	June	Sept.
Bethlehem	43	Gloucester, Mass.	Oct. 29, 1890	2nd Mon.	June	Sept.	Sept.
†St. George	44	Beverly, Mass.	Oct. 23, 1892				
Orange	45	Orange, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1893	Last Fri.	June	June	June
Ivanhoe	46	Gardner, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1896	1st Thurs.	June	June	June
Quincy	47	Quincy, Mass.	Feb. 20, 1911	4th Mon.	June	June	June
Temple	48	Norwood, Mass.	Oct. 22, 1919	2nd Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. Andrew	49	Holyoke, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1920	3rd Mon.	June	June	Sept.
Reading	50	Reading, Mass.	Jan. 14, 1921	2nd Mon.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Thomas Smith Webb	51	Cranston, R. I.	May 6, 1921	3rd Fri.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Sir Galahad	52	Waltham, Mass.	May 31, 1922	3rd Mon.	June	June	Sept.
‡Winthrop	53	Winthrop, Mass.	June 21, 1924				

* Consolidated with Boston Commandery February 21, 1940.
† Charter arrested July 17, 1945.
‡ Consolidated with Boston Commandery February 20, 1952.

JUNE 30, 1962 OFFICIAL RETURNS GRAND COMMANDERY STATISTICS

Name of Commandery	Number	Last Year Membership	Membership This Year	Admitted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Dimitted	Suspended	Errors	Died	Fees at $5.00	Per Capita at $1.20	G.E. Eye Assessment	TOTAL
St. John's	1	542	520	8	0	0	2	5	0	23	40.00	624.00	515.00	1,179.00
Boston	2	1,189	1,147	20	0	0	9	17	0	36	100.00	1,376.40	1,185.00	2,661.40
Newburyport	3	309	308	5	1	0	1	0	0	6	25.00	369.60	304.00	698.60
Washington	4	86	85	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	5.00	102.00	74.00	181.00
Worcester County	5	686	681	17	0	0	3	6	0	13	85.00	817.20	675.00	1,577.20
Springfield	6	490	475	4	0	0	2	0	0	17	20.00	570.00	465.00	1,055.00
De Molay	7	845	841	27	0	1	2	11	0	19	135.00	1,009.20	814.00	1,958.20
Holy Sepulchre	8	347	328	3	0	0	1	3	0	18	15.00	393.60	320.00	728.60
Pilgrim	9	321	321	10	0	0	2	1	—1	6	50.00	385.20	315.00	750.20
Palestine	10	213	210	5	0	0	3	0	0	5	25.00	252.00	207.00	484.00
Milford	11	177	169	1	0	1	2	1	—1	6	5.00	202.80	167.00	374.80
St. Bernard	12	96	94	2	0	0	2	0		2	10.00	112.80	96.00	218.80
Calvary	13	538	524	10	1	0	4	0	0	21	50.00	628.80	493.00	1,171.80
Haverhill	14	405	399	15	0	0	7	2	0	12	75.00	478.70	381.00	934.70
Old Colony	15	216	211	7	1	0	1	6	0	6	35.00	253.20	207.00	495.20
Sutton	16	521	519	13	2	1	0	3	0	15	65.00	622.80	501.00	1,188.80
Bethany	17	143	135	2	1	0	3	2	0	6	10.00	162.00	139.00	311.00
Winslow Lewis	18	207	197	6	0	1	1	5	0	11	30.00	236.40	198.00	464.40
Jerusalem	19	306	305	10	0	1	3	3	0	6	50.00	366.00	279.00	695.00
Hugh De Payens	20	534	524	10	1	1	8	4	0	10	50.00	628.80	501.00	1,179.80
St. Omer	21	271	260	4	2	0	0	0	0	17	20.00	312.00	251.00	583.00
Berkshire	22	312	320	12	1	2	1	0	0	6	60.00	384.00	280.00	724.00
Connecticut Valley	23	126	125	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	5.00	150.00	115.00	270.00
Woonsocket	24	164	158	1	0	0	2	2	0	3	5.00	189.60	149.00	343.60
Godfrey De Bouillon	25	142	139	2	0	1	2	0	0	4	10.00	166.80	140.00	316.80
Joseph Warren	26	144	139	2	0	0	2	3	0	2	10.00	166.80	128.00	304.80
Narragansett	27	199	195	6	0	0	1	6	0	3	30.00	234.00	196.00	460.00
Bristol	29	291	278	5	0	0	2	4	0	12	25.00	333.60	285.00	643.60
Northampton	30	113	112	8	0	1	0	4	0	5	40.00	134.40	107.00	281.40
South Shore	31	154	159	11	1	0	1	4	0	3	55.00	190.80	147.00	392.80
Trinity	32	188	184	4	0	0	2	2	0	4	20.00	220.80	182.00	422.80
Natick	33	282	295	22	0	0	2	1	0	6	110.00	353.00	259.00	722.00
Coeur De Lion	34	387	396	22	4	1	4	3	0	11	110.00	475.00	347.00	932.20
Gethsemane	35	461	454	10	2	0	5	6	0	8	50.00	544.80	436.00	1,030.80
Olivet	36	392	381	5	0	0	1	2	0	13	25.00	457.20	379.00	861.20
Athol	37	136	139	8	0	0	1	0	0	4	40.00	166.80	134.00	340.80
Bay State	38	361	350	8	2	0	1	2	0	16	40.00	420.00	346.00	806.00
Cyprus	39	170	165	4	0	0	3	3	0	3	20.00	198.00	160.00	378.00
St. Paul	40	130	129	5	0	0	1	2	+1	4	25.00	154.80	124.00	303.80
Beauseant	41	299	287	3	0	1	6	0	0	9	15.00	344.40	293.00	652.40
Cambridge	42	154	156	5	1	1	1	1	0	3	25.00	187.20	142.00	354.20
Bethlehem	43	186	190	11	0	0	3	0	0	4	55.00	228.00	173.00	456.00
Orange	45	79	74	2	0	0	1	0	0	6	10.00	88.80	77.00	175.80
Ivanhoe	46	249	247	6	0	1	4	0	0	8	30.00	296.40	232.00	558.40
Quincy	47	285	270	1	0	0	1	2	0	10	5.00	324.00	253.00	582.00
Temple	48	214	213	3	0	0	1	1	0	2	15.00	255.60	212.00	482.60
St. Andrew	49	165	166	6	1	0	1	2	0	3	30.00	199.20	157.00	386.20
Reading	50	339	337	18	1	1	6	5	0	11	30.00	404.40	322.00	816.40
Thomas Smith Webb	51	193	184	6	0	1	1	6	0	9	30.00	220.80	176.00	426.80
Sir Galahad	52	160	168	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	40.00	201.60	156.00	397.60
Total		14,917	14,663	385	23	15	114	131	—2+1	431	1,925.00	17,594.50	14,194.00	33,713.50

Massachusetts: Membership Last Year, 12,848; Membership This Year, 12,669; Massachusetts Loss, 179.
Rhode Island: Membership Last Year, 2,069; Membership This Year, 1,994; Rhode Island Loss, 75.

ADDRESSES OF RECORDERS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Commandery	No.	Recorder	Address
St. John's	1	Henry H. Wardle	80 Belvidere Blvd., No. Providence 11, R.I.
Boston	2	Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr.	73 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.
Newburyport	3	William H. Carter	10 Columbus Ave., Newburyport, Mass.
Washington	4	Raymond E. Crowell	70 Forest St., New Bedford, Mass.
Worcester County	5	Walter B. Taylor	70 Moore Ave., Worcester, Mass.
Springfield	6	Harold G. Ransom	11 Woodlawn Place, Longmeadow, Mass.
DeMolay	7	Chester G. Parsons	P. O. Box 21, Wellesley, Mass.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Arthur L. Wilbur	28 Farnum St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Pilgrim	9	Charles F. Edlund	68 Baldwin St., Lowell, Mass.
Palestine	10	Frank E. Milley	165 Grove St., Chelsea, Mass.
Milford	11	Kelsie E. Townsend	Bates St., R.F.D., Mendon, Mass.
St. Bernard	12	Chester W. Eaton	1363 Highland Ave., Needham 92, Mass.
Calvary	13	Daniel E. Verry, Sr.	731 Narragansett Parkway, Warwick, R. I.
Haverhill	14	Arthur Hayden	19 New Hampshire Ave., Haverhill, Mass.
Old Colony	15	William E. Cookson	38 Center Ave., Abington, Mass.
Sutton	16	Wendall M. Hardy	188 Court St., New Bedford, Mass.
Bethany	17	Alvin Horace Towne	59 Maple St., Andover, Mass.
Winslow Lewis	18	Walter D. Cooke	25 Mill St., So. Hamilton, Mass.
Jerusalem	19	Harvey H. Goodwin	32 Washington St., Leominster, Mass.
Hugh de Payens	20	Donald H. Hatheway	90 Walton Park, Melrose, Mass.
St. Omer	21	George A. Weeks	40 Glen St., Melrose, Mass.
Berkshire	22	Karl Olavi Lepisto	P. O. Box 1094, Pittsfield, Mass.
Connecticut Valley	23	Arthur K. York	119 Cleveland St., Greenfield, Mass.
Woonsocket	24	Floyd C. Arnold	172 (Rear) Great Road, Woonsocket, R. I.
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Warren P. Hathaway	651 New Boston Rd., Fall River, Mass.
Joseph Warren	26	Ernest J. Comi	1 Pagoda St., Milton 86, Mass.
Narragansett	27	Donald W. Kenneth	118 Beach St., Westerly, R. I.
Bristol	29	Edwin H. Thomas	21 Warren Ave., Attleboro, Mass.
Northampton	30	Ledyard A. Southard	P. O. Box 215, Hadley, Mass.
South Shore	31	William J. Williams	16 Nickerson Rd., E. Braintree, Mass.
Trinity	32	Arthur E. Lefavor	27 Harbor St., Clinton, Mass.
Natick	33	John M. Tassey	No. 7, Dewey St., Natick, Mass.
Coeur de Lion	34	Carroll H. Tiffany	22 Bellevue St., Medford 55, Mass.
Gethsemane	35	John Burton Naylor	11 Byrd Ave., West Newton, Mass.
Olivet	36	Frank A. McPhee	50 Clearview Ave., E. Lynn, Mass.
Athol	37	Leon E. Whitney	404 Unity Ave., Athol, Mass.
Bay State	38	Thomas Blundell	453 E. Center St., W. Bridgewater, Mass.
Cyprus	39	Chester Leo Crawford	9 Trimount St., Dedham, Mass.
St. Paul	40	Carleton E. Perry	1428 Mass. Ave., No. Adams, Mass.
Beauseant	41	Charles W. Gurdy	63 Winslow St., Everett 49, Mass.
Cambridge	42	Irving C. Langley	580 School St., Belmont 78, Mass.
Bethlehem	43	Harold W. Adams	33 Pigeon Hill St., Rockport, Mass.
Orange	45	Joseph Prentiss	71 W. River St., Orange, Mass.
Ivanhoe	46	LeRoy M. Giddings	3 E. Broadway, Gardner, Mass.
Quincy	47	Clark H. Overhiser	5 Farm Hills Lane, Hingham, Mass.
Temple	48	George M. Ellis	575 High St., Westwood, Mass.
St. Andrew	49	Robert Donald Davis	32 River Terrace, Holyoke, Mass.
Reading	50	Harold Francis Davis, Sr.	17 Forest Glen Road, Reading, Mass.
Thomas Smith Webb	51	John B. Cornell	948 Seven Mile Rd., Hope, R. I.
Sir Galahad	52	Gerald A. Young	30 Caldwell Road, Waltham, Mass.

GRAND COMMANDERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Term of Office	Grand Commander	Member of Commandery	No.	Term of Office	Grand Commander	Member of Commandery	No.
1805—1818	*Thomas Smith Webb	St. John's	1	1889—1890	*James Swords	Hugh de Payens	20
1818—1820	*William Wilkinson	St. John's	1	1890—1891	*John P. Sanborn	Washington	4
1820—1826	*Henry Fowle	Boston	2	1891—1892	*Robert H. Chamberlain	Worcester County	5
1826—1829	*John Carlile	St. John's	1	1892—1893	*William H. H. Soule	St. Omer	21
1829—1832	*John J. Loring	Boston	2	1893—1894	*Charles C. Fry	Olivet	36
1832—1833	*Robert Lash	Boston	2	1894—1895	*Samuel C. Lawrence	Boston	2
1833—1835	*Edward A. Raymond	Boston	2	1895—1896	*Eugene H. Richards	Boston	2
1835—1837	*Araham A. Dame	Boston	2	1896—1897	*William R. Walker	Holy Sepulchre	8
1837—1839	*John Hews	Boston	2	1897—1898	*Walter Cutting	Berkshire	22
1839—1842	*Charles W. Moore	Boston	2	1898—1899	*George L. Shepley	St. John's	1
1842—1845	*John Flint	Boston	2	1899—1900	*Herbert F. Morse	Joseph Warren	26
1845—1847	*John B. Hammatt	Boston	2	1900—1901	*Winthrop Messenger	Hugh de Payens	20
1847—1848	*Ruel Baker	Boston	2	1901—1902	*George E. Hilton	Olivet	36
1848—1851	*John R. Bradford	Boston	2	1902—1903	*George H. Kenyon	Calvary	13
1851—1854	*James Hutchison	Holy Sepulchre	8	1903—1904	*Freeman C. Hersey	Winslow Lewis	18
1854—1856	*Simon W. Robinson	DeMolay	7	1904—1905	*Dana J. Flanders	Haverhill	14
1856—1858	*Daniel Harwood	Boston	2	1905—1906	*Edwin A. Blodgett	Springfield	6
1858—1860	*Winslow Lewis	Boston	2	1906—1907	*E. Bentley Young	Joseph Warren	26
1860—1862	*William Field	St. John's	1	1907—1908	*Charles I. Litchfield	Boston	2
1862—1863	*William Ellison	Boston	2	1908—1909	*John D. Munroe	Godfrey de Bouillon	25
1863—1865	*William S. Gardner	Pilgrim	9	1909—1910	*Walter W. Burnham	St. John's	1
1865—1867	*Rev. Charles H. Titus	St. John's	1	1910—1911	*J. Albert Blake	Winslow Lewis	18
1867—1869	*William W. Baker	St. Bernard	12	1911—1912	*Lafayette G. Blair	Cambridge	42
1869—1871	*Benjamin Dean	St. Omer	21	1912—1913	*Frank L. Nagle	Gethsemane	35
1871—1873	*Nicholas Van Slyck	Calvary	13	1913—1914	*William W. Johnson	Worcester County	5
1873—1875	*Charles A. Stott	Pilgrim	9	1914—1915	*Walter F. Medding	Beauseant	41
1875—1877	*Rev. Henry W. Rugg	St. John's	1	1915—1916	*Frederick I. Dana	Calvary	13
1877—1879	*John Dean	Worcester County	5	1916—1917	*Samuel D. Sherwood	Springfield	6
1879—1880	*Nelson W. Aldrich	Calvary	13	1917—1918	*William H. Emerson	Bay State	38
1880—1882	*William H. Kent	Coeur de Lion	34	1918—1919	*William J. Bolton	Athol	37
1882—1884	*Caleb Saunders	Bethany	17	1919—1920	*Everett C. Benton	St. Bernard	12
1884—1885	*Charles C. Hutchinson	Pilgrim	9	1920—1921	Harry G. Pollard	Pilgrim	9
1885—1886	*George H. Burnham	St. John's	1	1921—1922	*Henry C. Dexter	Holy Sepulchre	8
1886—1887	*Edward P. Chapin	Springfield	6	1922—1923	*James S. Blake	Boston	2
1887—1888	*George H. Allen	Olivet	36	1923—1924	*Charles R. Hunt	Sutton	16
1888—1889	*Edward L. Freeman	Holy Sepulchre	8	1924—1925	*Asa C. Jewett	Gethsemane	35

* Died

Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Term of Office	Grand Commander	Member of Commandery	No.	Term of Office	Grand Commander	Member of Commandery	No.
1925—1926	*Clarence M. Dunbar	Bristol	29	1943—1944	George B. Sampson	St. Andrew	49
1926—1927	James A. Gunn	Connecticut Valley	23	1944—1945	*G. Lester Marston	Cœur de Lion	34
1927—1928	*Norris G. Abbott	St. John's	1	1945—1946	Frank H. Wilson	Hugh de Payens	20
1928—1929	*Clarence E. Burleigh	DeMolay	7	1946—1947	Harold S. Crocker	Bay State	38
1929—1930	*Charles F. White	Beauseant	41	1947—1948	George A. Weeks	St. Omer	21
1930—1931	*Frederick H. Briggs	Boston	2	1948—1949	*A. Kenneth Martin	South Shore	31
1931—1932	*Benjamin F. Downing	Washington	4	1949—1950	Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.	Boston	2
1932—1933	*George L. Dodd	Joseph Warren	26	1950—1951	*J. Herbert Hinds	Quincy	47
1933—1934	William S. Hamilton	St. Paul	40	1951—1952	Charles F. Fairbanks 2nd	Pilgrim	9
1934—1935	*Arthur S. Vaughn	St. John's	1	1952—1953	*Frederic Kennedy	Natick	33
1935—1936	Harold W. Sprague	Bay State	38	1953—1954	*Harrie M. Taft	Calvary	13
1936—1937	*Charles T. Converse	Springfield	6	1954—1955	Kenneth H. Earle	St. John's	1
1937—1937	*George T. Everett	DeMolay	7	1955—1956	Mortimer W. Schroeder	Beauseant	41
1937—1938	*Adelbert E. Place	Calvary	13	1956—1957	Thomas A. Booth	Sutton	16
1938—1939	*Harrison Hyslop	Gethsemane	35	1957—1958	Dwight C. Page	Worcester County	5
1939—1940	*Arthur A. A. Stewart	Pilgrim	9	1958—1959	Alfred C. Blake	Boston	2
1940—1941	*John E. Rines	Haverhill	14	1959—1960	Elliott N. Holley	DeMolay	7
1941—1942	*Arlan M. Spencer	Orange	45	1960—1961	Clarence E. Booth	Jerusalem	19
1942—1943	*William O. Tuckerman	Cyprus	39	1961—1962	Raymond D. Douglass	St. Bernard	12
				1962—1963	*William F. West	Calvary	13

* Died

THE AMERICAN ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment

	Names	Years	Residence	Died
1	DeWitt Clinton	1816-1828	New York, N. Y.	Feb. 11, 1828
2	Jonathan Nye	1829-1834	Claremont, N. H.	April 1, 1843
3	James Madison Allen	1835-1844	Cayuga, N. Y.	
4	Archibald Bull	1844-1846	Troy, N. Y.	Dec. 22, 1865
5	William B. Hubbard	1847-1858	Columbus, Ohio	Jan. 5, 1866
6	Benjamin B. French	1859-1864	Washington, D. C.	Aug. 12, 1870
7	Henry L. Palmer	1865-1867	Milwaukee, Wis.	May 7, 1909
8	William Sewall Gardner	1868-1870	Newton, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1887
9	John Q. A. Fellows	1871-1873	New Orleans, La.	Nov. 28, 1897
10	James H. Hopkins	1874-1876	Pittsburgh, Pa.	June 18, 1904
11	Vincent L. Hurlbut	1877-1879	Chicago, Ill.	July 24, 1896
12	Benjamin Dean	1880-1882	Boston, Mass.	April 9, 1897
13	Robert E. Withers	1883-1885	Wytheville, Va.	Sept. 21, 1907
14	Charles Roome	1886-1889	New York	June 28, 1890
15	John P. S. Gobin	1889-1892	Lebanon, Pa.	May 1, 1910
16	Hugh McCurdy	1892-1895	Corunna, Mich.	July 16, 1908
17	Warren LaRue Thomas	1895-1898	Maysville, Ky.	Nov. 23, 1914
18	Reuben Hedly Lloyd	1898-1901	San Francisco, Cal.	Mar. 10, 1909
19	Henry Bates Stoddard	1901-1904	Bryan, Texas	May 29, 1925
20	Geo. Mayhew Moulton	1904-1907	Chicago, Illinois	July 24, 1927
21	Henry Warren Rugg	1907-1910	Providence, R. I.	July 21, 1910
22	Wm. Bromwell Melish	1910-1913	Cincinnati, Ohio	Oct. 21, 1927
23	Arthur MacArthur	1913-1914	Troy, New York	Dec. 27, 1914
24	Lee S. Smith	1914-1919	Pittsburgh, Pa.	April 6, 1926
25	Joseph K. Orr	1919-1922	Atlanta, Georgia	Sept. 18, 1938
26	Leonidas P. Newby	1922-1925	Knightstown, Ind.	Oct. 25, 1945
27	George W. Vallery	1925-1928	Denver, Colo.	Dec. 20, 1933
28	William L. Sharp	1928-1931	Chicago, Ill.	Dec. 22, 1950
29	Percy W. Weidner	1931-1932	Los Angeles, Cal.	Aug. 16, 1932
30	Harry C. Walker	1932-1932	Binghamton, N. Y.	Nov. 2, 1932
31	Andrew D. Agnew	1932-1937	Milwaukee, Wis.	Dec. 29, 1951
32	Mark Norris	1937-1940	Grand Rapids, Mich.	May 31, 1943
33	Harry G. Pollard	1940-1943	Lowell, Mass.	
34	Charles Noah Orr	1943-1946	St. Paul, Minn.	Jan. 10, 1949
35	John Temple Rice	1946-1949	El Paso, Texas	
36	Robert Brainerd Gaylord	1949-1952	San Francisco, Cal.	Aug. 4, 1953
37	William Catron Gordon	1952-1955	Marshall, Mo.	Jan. 10, 1959
38	Walter A. DeLamater	1955-1958	Rhinebeck, New York	
39	Louis Henry Wieber	1958-1961	Cleveland, Ohio	
40	Paul Miller Moore	1961-	Aliquippa, Pennsylvania	

Representatives of Grand Commanderies to and from Massachusetts and Rhode Island

From Mass. and R. I.	P. O. Address	Grand Commanderies	To Mass. and R. I.	P. O. Address
Velmar A. Meadows	Opelika	Alabama	E. Sir William Turner	Holyoke, Mass.
Charles H. Taylor	San Luis	Arizona	E. Sir Louis A. Beaudoin	New Boston, Mass.
George R. Crosley	El Dorado	Arkansas	E. Sir Charles W. Gurdy	Everett, Mass.
James F. Dougan	Long Beach	California	E. Sir Saunder W. Spooner	Cowesett, R. I.
Earl W. Spencer	Pueblo	Colorado	E. Sir Robert E. Powell	Needham, Mass.
George H. Carter	Willimantic	Connecticut	E. Sir Harold A. Budrean	Winthrop, Mass.
H. Leroy Wright	Washington	District of Columbia	R. E. Sir Harold S. Crocker	Brockton, Mass.
Thomas Nelson Morrison	Lakeland	Florida	R. E. Sir Dwight C. Page	Shrewsbury, Mass.
R. A. Smith	Athens	Georgia	E. Sir G. Burton Long	Reading, Mass.
Merton Winegar	Moscow	Idaho	E. Sir Howard L. Geer	Greenwood, Mass.
Ronald Henry Rammer	Evanston	Illinois	E. Sir Norman P. Smith	Newburyport, Mass.
Richard D. Unger	Morristown	Indiana	E. Sir Frank B. Ells	Boston, Mass.
Charles Tucker	Le Mars	Iowa	E. Sir Hubert N. Bernard, Jr.	Wellesley, Mass.
Stanley J. Kirke	Wichita	Kansas	E. Sir James C. Bayley	Boston, Mass.
Walter A. Tillett	Danville	Kentucky	E. Sir Harold L. Burr	Needham, Mass.
Hepburn Byrd	Bogalusa	Louisiana	E. Sir William S. Howard	Wollaston, Mass.
Albert E. Anderson	Portland	Maine	R. E. Sir Raymond D. Douglass	Belmont, Mass.
Norman Strippy	Baltimore	Maryland	R. E. Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder	Everett, Mass.
Frank C. Millard	Flint	Michigan	E. Sir William F. Clark	Watertown, Mass.
Franklin King	Austin	Minnesota	R. E. Sir Thomas A. Booth	New Bedford, Mass.
J. W. Alford	McComb	Mississippi	E. Sir Erford W. Poole	New Bedford, Mass.
William R. Robbins	Trenton	Missouri	M. E. Sir Harry G. Pollard	Lowell, Mass.
Edwin D. Coolidge	Shelby	Montana	E. Sir George C. Patton, Jr.	Stoneham, Mass.
George I. Griffith, Jr.	Falls City	Nebraska	E. Sir Charles H. Leffingwell	Cranston, R. I.
William R. Overfelt	McGill	Nevada	E. Sir Allan Campbell, Jr.	W. Roxbury, Mass.
Arnold T. Clements	Rochester	New Hampshire	R. E. Sir Alfred C. Blake	Boston, Mass.
Louis H. Budd	Newton	New Jersey	R. E. Sir Robert G. Wilson, Jr.	Boston, Mass.
Herbert C. Denny	Gallup	New Mexico	E. Sir Charles Harrington	Arlington, Mass.
John J. Turnbull	Batavia	New York	R. E. Sir Frank H. Wilson	Melrose, Mass.
W. Reid Howe	Cramerton	North Carolina	E. Sir Josef Rais	E. Greenwich, R. I.
Robert R. Dollahan	Grand Forks	North Dakota	E. Sir Gordon J. Lee	Mattapan, Mass.
Howard R. Malone	Dayton	Ohio	R. E. George A. Weeks	Melrose, Mass.
William A. Perry	Okmulgee	Oklahoma	E. Sir Allan J. Hatfield, Jr.	Waltham, Mass.
D. Lynn Woodson	Portland	Oregon	E. Sir George Ringchrist	Longmeadow, Mass.
Paul C. Rodenhauser	Columbia	Pennsylvania	E. Sir Thomas C. Brown	Cranston, R. I.
Jesse T. Anderson	Columbia	South Carolina	E. Sir T. Legare Fenn	Brookline, Mass.
George F. Westover	Pierre	South Dakota	E. Sir Clayton Fay Fisher	Spencer, Mass.
Paul Adams Chapman	Bristol	Tennessee	E. Sir Chester G. Parsons	Wellesley, Mass.
Dr. R. E. Henderson	Athens	Texas	R. E. Sir Clarence E. Booth	Leominster, Mass.
Warren E. Fleetwood	Salt Lake City	Utah	E. Sir John J. Mick	Belmont, Mass.
Arthur E. Dietrich	Burlington	Vermont	R. E. Sir Elliott N. Holley	Belmont, Mass.
Harry W. Smith	Danville	Virginia	E. Sir Clarence R. Davis	W. Medford, Mass.
Cecil M. Ward	Seattle	Washington	R. E. Sir Harold W. Sprague	Brockton, Mass.
Frank H. Jordan	Huntington	West Virginia	E. Sir Laurence E. Eaton	Needham, Mass.
Reginald S. Voss	Ladysmith	Wisconsin	E. Sir Robert O. Johnson	Braintree, Mass.
William J. Haines	Evanston	Wyoming	R. E. Sir Kenneth H. Earle	Providence, R. I.

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

The 9 Knights who organized the Order in 1118 A.D.

Hugh de Payens	Payens de Montidier
Godfrey de Saint Aldemar	Archibald de Saint Aman
Roral	Andre de Montbar
Gundemar	Count of Provence
Godfrey Bisol	

Grand Masters from Its Origin to the Death of DeMolay

		A.D.			A.D.
1	Hugh de Payens	1118	14	Philip de Plessis	1201
2	Robert of Burgundy	1139	15	William de Carnota	1217
3	Everard de Barri	1147	16	Peter de Montagu	1218
4	Bernard de Trenellape	1151	17	Armand de Petragrossa	1229
5	Bertrand de Blanchefort	1154	18	Herman de Petragrorius	1237
6	Andrew de Montbar	1165	19	William de Rupefort	1244
7	Philip of Naplus	1169	20	William de Sonnac	1247
8	Odo de St. Amand	1171	21	Reginald Vichierius	1250
9	Arnold de Troye	1180	22	Thomas Beraud	1257
10	John Terricus	1185	23	William de Beaujeau	1274
11	Gerard Ridefort	1187	24	Rheobald Gaudinius	1291
12	Robert Sablaeus	1191	25	Jacques de Molay	1298
13	Robert Gralius	1196		DeMolay died in 1314.	

CHRONOLOGY—YORK RITE

The following dates are adopted by the various bodies of Masonry. Dates are carried out for the year 1963.

Ancient Craft Masons date from the creation of the world, B. C. 4000, calling it *Anno Lucis* (Year of Light). Hence add 4000 to common time, A. D. 1963 = A. L. 5963.

Royal Arch Masons date from the beginning of the building of the Second Temple by Zerubbabel, B. C. 530, calling it *Anno Inventionis* (Year of Discovery). Hence add 530 to common time. A. D. 1963 = A. I. 2493.

Royal and Select Masters refer to the completion of the First Temple, B. C. 1000, calling it *Anno Depositionis* (Year of the Deposit). Hence add 1000 to common time. A. D. 1963 = A. Dep. 2463.

Knights Templar date from the founding of the Order, A. D. 1118, calling it *Anno Ordinis*. Hence subtract 1118 from common time. A. D. 1963 = A. O. 845.

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